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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Chinese Boxers murdered a number of native Christians. —— French troops near Pao Ting Fu report encounters with Chinese troops and Boxers; several villages burned and many Chinese killed. —— Receiver Clark of the Order of Chosen Friends says that policy holders will not get one cent. —— Boers are said to have entrapped and captured a squadron of British yeomanry. A small race war reported at a small town near Jefferson, Ind. —— Cincinnati authorities will not permit Gus Ruhlin and Jeffries to fight in that city on Feb. 15th. —— Della Fox, the actress, married John Levy, of New York. —— Thirty-one new cotton mills chartered in South Carolina in 1900. —— Boers captured two wagons with Christmas luxuries for the British. —— The Czar of Russia is completely restored. —— Tug Ocean Queen and barges are still ashore near Cape Charles. —— Statistics of textile mill construction in 1900 show that Georgia leads with forty-three mills and North Carolina is second, with forty-one, and is the largest cotton manufacturing State in the South. —— The Independent Glass Combine will advance prices 15 per cent on January 1st. —— N. Y. markets: Money on call firm at 4@6 per cent., the last loan being at 4 per cent.; cotton dull, middling uplands 10 5 16c; flour was quiet but steadily held; wheat—spot easy, No. 2 red 78¼c; corn—spot easier, No. 2 45½c; oats—spot dull, No. 2 27½c; rosin steady; spirits turpentine quiet.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 26.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 36 degrees; 8 P. M., 56 degrees; maximum, 59 degrees; minimum, 36 degrees; mean, 46 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, 0; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 3.95 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—For North Carolina—Generally fair Thursday and Friday; variable winds.

Port Almanac--December 27.

Sun Rises	7.10 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.52 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 42 M.
High Water at Southport.	12.21 P. M.
High Water Wilmington.	2.51 P. M.

Some bad men in Baltimore formed a combine, gobbled up all the Christmas turkeys, and made the people who wanted turkey shell out.

The Boer war was hard on the horses as well as on the John Bulls. A London paper says over 100,000 horses have perished in that neck of land up to this time.

A scientist declares that the most emotional of all colors is red. If you don't believe it shake a red fabric at a regulation bull and see how quick it will put him in motion.

The Clyde ship builders, who recently placed an order for 130,000 tons of steel plates in this country, say they will save $250,000. But our plate makers must have protection.

When the temperance people succeed in knocking the army canteen out, they can move on the Congressional canteen which is on the ground floor of the U. S. State House.

Mr. Rockefeller has made another donation of a million and a half to the Chicago University, one of his pets, which brings his total contributions, so far, to that school up to $9,202,374.

The lynchers of those three negroes recently, in Indiana, have discovered that one of them was innocent, and now they are disappointed because they wasted all that energy on the wrong fellow.

New York city is behind on cows as compared with a number of other cities, but is ahead on goats. It has only 6 cows to the 100,000 inhabitants, but 73 goats. But the goat is encouraged in New York as an assistant disposer of garbage.

Some of the French papers in discussing the Hay-Pauncefote treaty as it passed the Senate, express themselves as amazed at our breach of good faith and good manners. But they should remember that we have a Republican Senate now.

Jim Owen, a tramp, was hanged in Illinois last Friday for the murder of another tramp. Jim was a Kentuckian, and a college graduate, who went crooked, was disowned by his people and took to the road. When [illegible] tramping he didn't expect to end it with a swing.

Statistician Mulhall keeps pretty good tab on the population of countries and their increase. Last July he estimated that our census this year would report 76,200,000 people, which came only ninety-five under the official count made several months later.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The *Algonquin* sailed yesterday morning for a cruise down the coast.

— Twenty-four or more Christmas "drunks" were atoned for in the police court yesterday morning,

— A ladies' gold watch was lost on Christmas day for which a reward is offered in the business local column of today's paper.

— The famous Brown University Glee and Mandolin Club will appear in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium on the night of January 2nd.

— The four-masted schooner *Senator Sullivan* arrived yesterday from New York for a cargo of cross ties from Messrs. Brown & Co.

— A Christmas tree entertainment will be given at Wrightsville Saturday night. Mr. G. A. Croft is largely instrumental in getting it up.

— L'Arioso German Club's Christmas german will be given to-night. Extensive preparations are being made for it and it will doubtless be a marked social function.

— The fire department responded to three alarms yesterday as a result of the indiscriminate use of fireworks. No damage, however resulted from any of the slight blazes.

Goldsboro and Wilson played a tie game of foot ball in Goldsboro Christmas. Neither team scored. Messrs. Tom Gause and Willie Grant, of Wilmington, played on the Goldsboro eleven.

— The engine of passenger train No. 41, on the W. and W. road, broke down at Goldsboro Christmas morning. An extra engine was sent from here. The train arrived two hours and forty-five minutes late.

— A deed was filed yesterday transferring from Mr. H. D. Thompson and wife, of Baltimore, to C. C. Covington, of this city, property 220x66 feet on Grace between Fifth and Sixth streets; consideration $1,000.

— A delightful entertainment was held at Delgado Mills yesterday afternoon complimentary to the school children of the village. One of the most pleasing features was a Christmas tree donated by Mr. E. C. Holt.

— The STAR is requested by members of Engine Company No. 1 to return thanks to the family of Mr. A. A. Nathan for Christmas dinner and other refreshments sent to the company headquarters day before yesterday.

— The STAR is requested to say that any one who desires to make contributions to the poor at the County Home may leave packages or money at the office of the county physician or at the store of the King Grocery Company.

— Friday night, December 28th, is the date for the holiday entertainment at the City Hall by Grace M. E. Sunday school and not Thursday night, 27th, inst., as has been erroneously stated by persons not so well acquainted with the exact time for the exercises.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Wanted—Job pressman.
King Grocery Co.—Delicious.
S. & B. Solomon.—Toilet paper.
J. W. Plummer, Jr.—Fireworks.
New Savings Bank—Come get one.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Lost—Gold watch.
At Auction—Christmas novelties.

American Legion of Honor.

At a regular meeting of Clarendon Council, No. 67, held last night, the following were elected to serve during the ensuing year:

Commander—F. E. Hashagen.
Past Commander—A. L. DeRosset.
Vice Commander—Vance Norwood.
Orator—W. W. Harriss.
Secretary—J. C. Morrison.
Collector—J. Weil.
Treasurer—I. L. Greenewald.
Chaplain—N. Jacobi.
Guide—John Dyer.
Warden—A. D. Wessell.
Sentry—C. H. Ward.
Trustees—N. Jacobi, A. D. Wessell, A. L. DeRosset.

Orion Lodge Election.

Orion Lodge No. 67, I. O. O. F., at its meeting last night elected officers as follows to serve for the ensuing term:

N. G.—J. V. Gurley.
V. G.—F. B. LeGwin.
R. S.—L. Tate Bowden.
F. S.—J. E. Silva.
Treasurer—H. O. Craig.
Widows' and Orphans' Committee—J. E. Silva, B. R. Penny and J. A. Orrell.
General Relief Committee—H. O. Craig.

The Mistletoe Club.

The "Mistletoe Club," a social organization, met at the residence of Mr. A. Shrier Tuesday night and the following officers were elected: I. M. Bear, president; Augustus Dannenbaum, vice-president; Geo. Honnett, secretary and treasurer; H. C. Bear, orator; Ike Solomon, toast master. A geographical contest was held and Miss Bessie Levy won the lady's prize; Mr. Chas. Mendelsohn, the gentleman's prize, and Mr. Jake Solomon, the booby. The next meeting will be held at the residence of Mr. I. L. Greenewald.

— Col. Peter Mallett, who has been here visiting his daughter, Mrs. Gabriel Holmes., left last night for New York.

HEARINGS RESUMED.

Railway Tax Assessment Cases Again Before Judge Shepherd in Wilmington.

EVIDENCE FOR THE STATE.

More Than a Hundred Witnesses to Be Examined from This and Adjoining Counties—Schedule of Work Laid Out for Several Days.

The North Carolina Corporation Commission will resume the taking of the testimony of its witnesses in the railway tax assessment cases in the U. S. court room in this city this morning at 9.30 o'clock. A large number of witnesses were heard for the Commission in Raleigh last week, and for the convenience of those from this section who expect to testify, the sittings of the standing master's court were transferred to Wilmington and will continue here until January 1st, if, indeed, not longer. The hearing is, of course, before ex Judge Shepherd, who will take the evidence and submit it to Judge Simonton. The status of the cases are now so familiar to the general public that a review of preceding events in the litigation is unnecessary. The railroads have already submitted their direct evidence, and the Corporation Commission will now have five months in which to submit evidence supporting its contentions in the suits. When this is concluded the railroads will then have an additional six weeks in which to present evidence noncumulative and strictly in reply to that offered by the commission. The case will then be argued before Judge Simonton and decided.

There are more than a hundred witnesses for examination here, consisting principally of tax assessors and others acquainted with the usual rule of value for taxation in this and adjoining counties. The next hearing will be at Warsaw and thence at points along the W. & W. railroad until the opening of the sessions of the Legislature, when the hearings will be temporarily abandoned, as many of the attorneys will be engaged at the State Capital during this time and will be unable to give their attention to the tax cases.

Col. John W. Hinsdale, of Raleigh, and counsel for the Corporation Commission, arrived last evening to be in attendance upon the hearings this morning. Judge Shepherd and other attorneys interested in the cases are expected this morning, among them being Judge Connor, of Wilson, and Capt. Charles D. Price, of Salisbury. Maj. John D. Shaw, attorney for the Seaboard Air Line Company, is expected to morrow. George Rountree, Esq., of this city, will, of course, be in attendance as counsel for the A. C. L. Railroad Company.

For convenience sake it has been decided to take the evidence of witnesses from the several counties in their order, as follows:

Pender—Thursday, Dec. 27th.
Columbus—Friday, Dec. 28th.
Brunswick—Saturday, Dec. 29th.
Bladen—Monday, Dec. 31st.
New Hanover—Tuesday, Jan. 1st.

Col. Hinsdale in speaking of this arrangement, said last night that the subpoenas may not be served on all the witnesses in time, but any witness who is is not summoned in time to be to be present on the day named for his county, is expected to come to Wilmington as soon thereafter as possible and report to him or Judge Connor at The Orton or at the U. S. Court room. The examinations will commence each day at 9:30 o'clock A. M. and continue until 5 o'clock or perhaps later in the afternoon.

In regard to the amendment of the answer asked by the State at the time of the last hearing here, Col. Hinsdale said last night that Judge Simonton had refused it on the ground that if the issue of undervaluation of railroad property was already raised it was not necessary to amplify it and that if it was not raised by the former answer, it is now too late. Since that time, however, Col. Hinsdale says that Judge Simonton has written Judge Shepherd to take all the testimony of this character presented and that it will then be subject to exception.

The hearing will begin promptly this morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Funeral of Mrs. Cowan.

The funeral of Mrs. Susan Black Cowan, who died at her home in Bon Air, Va., near Richmond, last Sunday, was held Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock from St. James' Episcopal church, the rector, Rev. Frederick H. T. Horsfield, officiating. The service was attended by many friends of the family. The interment was made in Oakdale cemetery. The following gentlemen were pall bearers: Messrs. W. G. Pulliam, T. C. McIlhenny, Jr., Jno. James, George Cotchett and S. P. Cowan.

Schooner Made Fast Time.

The schooner *Cora M*, Capt. Mitchell, which arrived in port yesterday and which trades here regularly, succeeded in making record breaking time from this port to Porto Rico on her last trip. She took a cargo to Mayagues, discharged and arrived here on the return in twenty-three days. She came light on the return with the exception of 5,000 oranges which she brought for private parties. The vessel will load lumber at the Kidder Lumber Company's mill.

Don't forget that special bargains in novelties for the holidays may still be had of J. T. Burke, the Jeweler, No. 27 South Front street.

RECEPTION LAST EVENING

Given in Honor of Popular Young People Who Will Wed To-night.

The marriage of Mr. Z. B. Ennett and Miss Viola Westbrook will be celebrated this evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Westbrook. A very charming prelude to the nuptials was a beautiful reception in honor of the bride which was given last evening at the residence of the groom's mother, Mrs. John Ennett, No. 307 South Sixth street.

The parlor and dining room were beautifully decorated for the occasion and quite a number of the couple's friends called and the event was one noted for the generous hospitality of the Ennett home.

Those who assisted in receiving were, Miss Lilly Westbrook with Mr. Futch; Miss Beulah Ennett with Mr. Charles Alexander; Mrs. W. J. Ennett, Mr. and Mrs. J. Baggett, of Clinton; Miss Bessie Williams with Mr. McClammy, of Baltimore, Miss Eugene Carney with Mr. Edwin Ennett; Miss Lizzie Marlow, of Hinesville, Ga., with Mr. W. H. Baggett; Mr. A. D. Wessell, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Williams, Miss Lillian Ennett with Mr. D. N. Maultsby, of Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. James Shepard, Miss Hattie Holmes with Mr. James Polly; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carr.

Miss Smith, of Marion, S. C., Mrs. R. W. Merrill and Mrs. C. S. Garrell, of S. C., received in the dining room.

Dainty refreshments were served and the reception lasted until 11 o'clock.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

In the Lecture Room of the First Baptist Church Last Evening.

The Sunday school entertainment in the lecture room of the First Baptist church last night, was a very delightful affair and was very largely attended. The evening was enjoyably spent by those present and the programme rendered was highly entertaining.

After a song by the school and a recitation by Mr. Guy Lemoin, a beautiful cantata, "The Charmed Garden," was presented by children of the infant class. The stage was effectively decorated and a picturesque looking background representing a garden wall was, filled with charms. The fairy queen was Miss Lucile Riley, and the three roses were Misses Hattie McEachern, Mary Wescott and Bessie Whitney.

The wall was torn down and the gifts, which consisted of fruits and candies, were distributed among the children of the Sunday School by Santa Claus, Mr. George E Leftwich.

The success of the entertainment is due to the efforts of Mrs. H. G. Fennell, Mrs John Hanby and Miss Lizzie Struthers, who had it in charge.

HOSE COMPANY NO. 3.

Their Hall at Fourth Street Bridge Most Attractively Decorated.

The Christmas decorations by members of Hose Company No. 3 in their hall at the Fourth street bridge are beautiful and they deserve much praise for the taste displayed. There is friendly rivalry between the different companies in the fire department as to which can keep the neatest and most attractive quarters and Hose Company No. 3 is very proud of its efforts and invites the public to visit its hall and see what it has accomplished in that line. The draperies in the hall extend from the four corners and sides and centre in a beautiful design in the middle of the room. Under that design is a beautiful Christmas tree laden with many attractive ornaments.

The following is a list of the members of the company: Louis Freimuth, foreman; B. F. Swann, E. O. Allen, E. D. George, J. S. Williams and J. J. Bland.

Elks' Temple Thrown Open.

The Elks' handsome temple on North Front street was opened informally Tuesday afternoon and evening, and members of the order, with many of their friends, enjoyed the pleasures of the occasion to the greatest degree. The splendid new apartments, which have already been described in these columns, were appropriately decorated and the entire building, with its handsome furnishings, presented a splendid scene. The Elks are now at home in their new club.

Now Travelling Salesman.

Mr. Edgar Bear, who is so well and favorably known to many Wilmington people, has for a time, at least, forsaken the "ring" for the "road" and is now travelling for the deservedly popular firm of Messrs. I. M. Bear & Co., the wholesale dry goods men. The friends of Mr. Bear predict for him as a knight of the grip that same measure of success which attended his efforts with the well known circus aggregation with which he has travelled during the past few years.

An Aged Lady Injured.

Mrs. Mary B. McDaniel, the venerable mother of Mr. J. B. McDaniel, foreman of the STAR'S composing rooms, suffered a severe accident on Christmas afternoon about 5:30 o'clock by falling from the front steps of a residence at which she had just called and from which she was returning to the home of her son at No. 409 Church street. Mrs. McDaniel is 74 years of age and her physicians are as yet unable to determine how serious the injuries really are.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. J. H. Hinton left last night for Rocky Mount.

— Mr. J. H. Neal, of Newbern, was here yesterday.

— Mr. J. K. Westbrook left last night for New York.

— H. L. Grant, Esq., of Goldsboro, is at The Orton.

— Mr. A. W. McAlister, of Greensboro, is at The Orton.

— Mr. and Mrs. F. Broadnax left yesterday for Richmond.

— Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Wallace are visiting relatives at Kenansville.

— Mr. and Mrs. G. Herbert Smith returned Tuesday from Baltimore.

— Mr. H. C. McQueen and daughter, Miss Sue McQueen, left last night for New York.

— Mrs. Andrew Joyner, of Winston, is spending some time with Mrs. D. W. Bulluck.

— Mrs. John W. Hinsdale, of Raleigh, is here on a visit her sister, Mrs. S. T. Ashe.

— Mr. R. J. Rivenbark returned to the city yesterday from Southport where he spent Xmas.

— The many friends of Capt. O. S. Wiley were delighted to see him out Christmas day.

— Editor C. L. Stevens, of the Newbern *Journal*, spent a part of yesterday in this city.

— Dr. D. W. Bulluck was called by telegram to Goldsboro last night to perform an operation.

— Mr. C. Ed. Taylor, of Southport, passed through the city yesterday on his way to Raleigh.

— Mr. E. L. Pepper, of Rocky Mount, was here yesterday, returning from a visit to his old home at Southport.

— Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Brand returned yesterday from Sumter, where they spent Christmas with Mr. Brand's mother.

— Rev. Dr. Jarvis Buxton, of Asheville, is visiting in the city, the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Jos. H. McRee, corner Front and Chesnut streets.

— Mr. W. A. Burr, of New York, is in the city for a visit to his sister, Mrs. E. Everett. He will remain in Wilmington during the Winter months.

— Mr. H. W. Malloy, president of the Navassa Guano Company, returned yesterday from Laurinburg where he spent Christmas with his family.

— The STAR was pleased to receive a call yesterday from Rev. F. A. Bishop, a native of New Hanover county and one of the best preachers of the Methodist denomination.

"HALL & PEARSALL, INCORPORATED."

Charter Has Been Issued to Well Known Wholesale Firm of Wilmington.

Application has been made to the Secretary of State for incorporation papers for the firm of "Hall & Pearsall, incorporated," of this city. The capital stock is named at $60,000 with the privilege to increase at any time to $300,000. The principal incorporators are Messrs. B. F. Hall and Oscar Pearsall and they propose to conduct a general wholesale grocery business.

The firm of Hall & Pearsall has for many years been one of Wilmington's largest and most influential mercantile enterprises and the gentlemen who now ask for a charter in the new name are those who founded the business many years ago and fostered it to its present very large proportions. This evidence of the firm's continued growth and prosperity will be received by friends and customers in a very large territory with much pleasure.

Mr. Metts and Insurance.

Regarding the recent insurance changes in Wilmington, the *Insurance Field*, a journal devoted to the branch of industry indicated by its name, has the following to say:

"A number of changes have taken place in the local agency business at Wilmington, N. C. J. V. B. Metts has sold his interest in the agency of Walker Taylor & Metts, which will in the future be conducted by Mr. Taylor. Mr. Taylor is president of the North Carolina Association of Local Fire Insurance Agents. Mr. Metts has purchased the agency of Frank H. Stedman. Regarding Mr. Metts, one of the general agents says: "Mr. Metts is one of the best posted and reliable young men in the business in North Carolina. His change will be of interest to a host of friends, and about thirty companies are interested directly in the deal."

Dr. Strange Was Ill.

The Richmond *Dispatch* of the 25th inst. says:

"Rev. Dr. Robert Strange, who was to preach his first sermons Sunday as rector of St. Paul's church, was ill all day, and unable to fill either appointment. Large congregations came out to hear Dr. Strange, and many regrets were expressed at the rector's illness. His sickness, however, was by no means serious, and he will be able to preach at 11 o'clock this morning. He will be assisted by Rev. L. R. Leverring."

Bad Negroes in Custody.

Capt. Robert Green, city detective, yesterday morning effected the capture of John Scarborough, colored, who was wanted for the assault with a knife upon Policeman J. M. King, particulars of which were given in Tuesday's STAR. Capt. Green is confident he has evidence sufficient to convict Robert Hall, the negro who slashed Policeman Ward in the same fracas, was landed by Officer Ward at the time.

IT MAY BE MURDER.

Young White Man Received Injuries That Will Likely Prove Fatal.

HIS SKULL WAS CRUSHED IN.

Found on the Street Christmas Night and Picked Up for a Drunken Man--Many Hours Without Surgical Attention—An Operation.

John Odam, a young white man, well known to many people in the city, is in a ward at the City Hospital with a compound fracture of the skull which will very likely cost him his life. At whose hands the wound was received is a mystery to the police and unless he regains consciousness before his probable death, his murderer or murderers will likely never be brought to justice.

On Christmas night rather early, some persons passing on Fourth between Church and Castle street stumbled upon Odam lying on the sidewalk in an insensible condition. Knowing his general reputation for drunkenness and not examining him for wounds, the persons who found the unfortunate young man, picked him up and carried him into one of the several houses of unsavory reputation in that vicinity and requested of the proprietress that he be allowed to "sleep off his drunk" there. Odam was carried into a room, placed on the floor and left for the balance of the night. The inmates of the house did not arise yesterday morning until 12 o'clock, and upon investigation they found that Odam was still lying on the floor in the position he was left about fifteen hours before. Further investigation showed an ugly wound on his head and a surgeon was quickly called. The wounded man was sent to the hospital and it was then ascertained that his skull was completely crushed in and that he was most probably fatally injured.

Yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock Dr. F. H. Russell assisted by Drs. W. J. H. Bellamy, J. C. Shepard, E. J. Wood and James M. Hall performed a trepanning operation and at last accounts this morning he was doing very well and exhibited some signs of recovery.

Odam is about 25 years of age and was a volunteer in the Spanish American war. For some time he conducted a small fish and oyster business in the Front street market house and more recently he joined the U. S. revenue cutter service as a seaman aboard the *Algonquin*. Still more recently he was dismissed from the service and for the past several weeks had been unemployed.

Speaking of the case last night Chief of Police Parmele said, after detailing the particulars of the finding of young Odam:

"An investigation established the fact that John Odam and four other companions arrived at the corner of Fourth and Castle streets about 9 o'clock, all more or less under the influence of liquor. They met at this corner W. H. Costin and another party, unknown. Odam accosted them roughly and asked them to furnish something to drink for the crowd. This Costin and his companion stated they were unable to do. Odam told them that they lied, and struck Costin in the mouth with his fist, cutting Costin's lip. Costin returned the blow, and they sparred for a moment, until Costin wrenched a paling off the fence and made at Odam with it. Odam ran across the street and back again, to where his friends stood, Costin pursuing him. Two of Odam's friends interfered and tried to stop the fight, and while they stood between Costin and Odam trying to settle the matter peacefully, a party, they say unknown to any of them, struck Odam on the back of the head with a fence paling, knocking him down. Two of Odam's companions, S. G. Watson and Walter Bell, picked Odam up and carried him to the house of Josie Drew, where one of her women did what she could to assist his two friends to quiet Odam. They bathed his head with camphor and finally, as they thought, he went to sleep. None of them, as they claim, thought he was seriously hurt.

"The police believe that they have reliable information as to who struck the fatal blow, although all of those immediately around Odam profess to be densely ignorant as to who the assailant was."

Jr. O. U. A. M. Officers.

Jeff Davis Council No. 63, Jr. O. U. A. M., elected the following officers at the regular meeting held last night:

Jr. P. C.—J. B. Griffith.
C.—Joe F. Craig.
V. C.—A. J. Hewlett.
R. S.—John E. Wood.
A. R. S.—W. R. Hall.
F. S.—G. C. Simmons.
Treasurer—John Thomas.
Conductor—F. P. Baldwin.
Warden—C. J. McKeithan.
I. S.—W. F. Butler.
O. S.—D. J. Benson.
Chaplain—J. A. Kelly.
Trustee—Jesse D. Price.

The above officers will be installed next Wednesday night by Deputy State Councillor W. M. Sneeden.

I. O. O. F. Election.

Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F. at its regular meeting Tuesday night elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing term:

N. G.—J. F. Stanland.
V. G.—George Darden.
Secretary—J. T. Riley.
Treasurer—Wm. Goodman.

These with the appointive officers will be installed on the first meeting night in January.

Something Delicious For Breakfast.

LARGE, FAT MACKEREL, SEPTEMBER CATCH..... 12½c each.

You can't buy them elsewhere for less than 20 cents. They won't last long at this price. Don't wait until they are all gone before sending in your order.

THE KING GROCERY CO.,
Fourth Street Bridge.
Both 'Phones 387.
J. T. SHOLAR, Manager.
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WHY DON'T YOU COME AND GET ONE?

OF OUR HOME SAVINGS BANKS, which we lend you free of charge. It will help you to save money you would not save otherwise. Try one of these banks and the amount you can save will surprise you.
REMEMBER, our next regular interest bearing period begins with the New Year. Deposits made now will draw FOUR PER CENT. from January 2nd, 1901.

THE GUARDIAN SECURITY, TRUST AND DEPOSIT COMPANY
(Opposite the Postoffice.)
H. C. McQUEEN, President. JNO. S. ARMSTRONG, Vice President.
dec 27 tf F. W. DICK, Cashier.

Toilet Paper,
5c Per Package.
$3 00 Per Hundred Packages.
S. & B. Solomon.
Wholesale . . . . Retail.
dec 27 tf

BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS GERMAN.

L'Agile Club's Dance Last Night Was a Brilliant Affair--Many Participants

The Christmas german of L'Agile Cotillon Club was beautifully danced in the ball room of the Masonic Temple last night. It was gracefully led by Mr. Geo. P. James. The decorations were of the most elaborate ever seen in the ball room, and attracted much merited attention from every one who saw them. The work was done by Mr. Will Rehder.

The following participated in the dance:

Miss Mary Treat Peck, Mr. Geo. P. James; Miss Elliott Emerson, Mr. Marsden Bellamy, Jr.; Miss Lucy Latham, Mr. Robt. Nash; Miss Mildred Davis, Mr. Oscar Peck; Miss Annie B. DeRosset, Mr. Louis Cutlar; Miss Olive Armstrong, Mr. J. C. Angel; Miss Eliza Bellamy, Mr. Robt. Gwaltney; Miss Lina Wiggins, Mr. Alf Moffitt; Miss Octavia Boatwright, Mr. Harry Croswell; Miss Marie Peschau, Mr. R. G. Rankin; Miss Mary Calder, Mr. Fred Dick; Miss Bessie Payne, Mr. H. M. Chase; Miss Abbie Chadbourn, Mr. Geo. Chadbourn; Miss Louise Bunting, Mr. Octave Wiggins; Miss Ellie Williams, Athens, Ga., Mr. W. C. Crow; Miss Nessie Cotchett, Mr. Ed. Wood; Miss Lucile Murchison, Mr. Wm. J. Bellamy; Miss Annie Kidder, Mr. J. M. Stevenson; Miss Kate Harlowe, Mr. Ed. Peschau; Miss Mary Nash, Mr. Nash DeRosset; Miss Jeanie Peck, Mr. J. M. Hatch; Miss Isabel Black, Mr. Walter Daggett; Miss Rena Johnson, Mr. Will Moore; Miss Anna Peck, Mr. T. H. Wright; Miss Carrie Harriss, Mr. Fred Bolles; Miss Kate Harriss, Mr. John Peschau; Miss Emma West, Mr. Champ McD. Davis; Miss Katie Maffitt, Mr. W. A. Martin, Jr.; Miss Nellie Emerson, Mr. Harry Smallbones; Miss Annie Martin, Asheville, Mr. E. A. Metts; Miss Annie Williams, Red Springs, Mr. James Black; Miss Carrie Wright, Mr. S. Curtis; Miss Bettie DeRosset, Mr. Geo. Crow.

— Solicitor Rudolph Duffy, of Jacksonville; his brother, Dr. F. S. Duffy, of Newbern, and his nephew, Robert Nixon, Esq., also of Newbern, were here yesterday on their way to Little River, S. C., to visit relatives.

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MOON'S PHASES.

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BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 27.

SOME SOLID OBJECTIONS TO HANNA'S SCHEME.

The indications now are that Hanna's ship subsidy grab is as good as dead. It cannot pass this session or if it became a necessity its opponents would talk it to death. But that will hardly be necessary, for Republicans enough have turned the cold shoulder to it to freeze it out. The fact is that some of the hardest blows it has received have been given by Republicans organs, and leading Republican organs, but of the kind that have the candor and the courage to condemn Republican measures when they think them wrong. The New York *Post*, a Republican paper of this class, is one of the most strenuous opponents of this subsidy grab, of which it has made a most thorough study. One of the articles in opposition to it presents fourteen solid objections as follows:

(1.) Ocean freights are regulated largely by the charges made by sailing vessels and by tramp steamers, to which are due the present low rates on grain and other non-perishable products.

(2.) The proposed Shipping-Subsidy bill will drive the sailing craft and tramp steamer off the high seas, because it pays subsidies primarily by mileage and speed, instead of tons, and by capacity, rather than by actual freight carried. The great bulk of the subsidy will go to the large and swift steamships, and this whether they carry big or little loads or run empty.

(3.) With sailing vessels and tramp steamers out of the way, and also with such lines of steamer as could not obtain bounty either reduced in number and size of ships or entirely removed to foreign waters, the conditions for the formation of a gigantic ocean steamship Trust would be ideal. The fact that our ocean wharfs and docks are largely owned by railroads which are also interested in various lines of steamships would pave the way for such a Trust.

(4.) Such conditions are not favorable for lower freight rates on exported farm products. A possible slight reduction during the first year or two, while the government's favorites were getting rid of competition, would be more than counterbalanced by the artificially high rates, once the Trust was in full control.

(5.) It is certain that such a bill would take hundreds of millions of dollars from the people and distribute them among certain shipowners. It is not certain that any considerable portion of these millions would, through lower rates, higher wages to seamen or to shipbuilders, get back to the farmers and others who contributed to the subsidy fund.

(6.) It is of consequence to farmers whether their products are exported under American or under foreign flags?

(7.) Will any of the subsidy ever get past the shipowners and into the hands of wage earners?

(8.) Do our shipbuilders need a stimulus when they are already overcrowded with work?

(9.) Is it not generally conceded that we cad now build ships as cheaply as any other nation?

(10.) Are we not destined, with or without bounties, to become the great maritime nation of the future, and this even in spite of our absurd and antiquated navigation laws?

(11.) Similar subsidies have for years been paid by France and Italy, and have not resulted either in giving them a mercantile marine or lower freight rates, though the subsidies have enabled the shipbuilders to get high prices for their ships.

(12.) English ships carry the freights of the whole world on the high seas, yet only about 3 per cent, of these ships receive reasonable prices for carrying mail.

(13.) Those who are the most eager for "American-built, American-owned, and American-manned merchant ships" are those who expect to pocket the subsidies, and who will resort to any means to get this bill through congress. Such resounding words mean for most people only higher taxes.

(14.) The fact that this subsidy scheme is launched by the very people who are to benefit by it, and is promoted almost entirely by the most persistent and rapacious lot of bounty beggars" that ever beset congress, ought to condemn it in the eyes of honest citizens.

Tuesday we published an extract from an article in the Philadelphia *Manufacturer* showing how the subsidy scheme ignores lake shipping clearing for foreign ports. The framers of this bill might, however, to placate opposition from this source, include lake vessels engaged in foreign commerce. There are not many of that kind now, but before this subsidy scheme gets well under way, if it ever does, there might be a good many, if they could stand the competition by the subsidized ships. But there is enough in these fourteen objections to doom this scheme in the estimation of any honest man, however anxious he may be to see an American merchant marine or to see our commerce expand.

Of this scheme the obligation is all on one side without any balancing obligation on the other. The Government obligates itself to pay ship owners a stated amount of subsidy on the freight they carry, regardless of the number of ships they may operate, the amount of freight they carry, or the number of trips they might make. They carry as much or as little [illegible] they choose—and they might make as many or as few trips as they chose. Of course the subsidy as far as freight is concerned would be regulated by the amount of freight carried, but if the purpose is to promote the extension of our commerce then there should be some obligation imposed on the beneficiaries of the subsidies to do their part in providing ample transportation for our shippers As far as we can see the only reciprocal obligation imposed on the ship owners who receive subsidies is on the steamers which are required to carry the United States mails without charge. But as the bonus to this class of ships is princely they can very well afford to do that.

They are under no obligations or limitations as to freight charges. That is a matter which may be regulated altogether according to their own interests, freights being high or low, in accordance with the competition they have to meet, or the conditions as they may shape or control them. They might make the freights low to drive out competition, which they might do by combination, aided by the subsidies received, and when they had done that put the freights up to their own figure, just as the beneficiaries of the protective tariff do when they have a monopoly. American railroads are now paying a hundred per cent. more for steel rails than they ought to be required to pay, and with this subsidy scheme in operation and shipping combines or Trusts formed, as they would be, our shippers might soon find themselves paying a hundred per cent. more for freight than they ought to pay, that is on the assumption that the subsidies would do what it is claimed they will, give American ship owners control of our commerce.

And then what assurance have we that these subsidies, which it is now asserted will be only temporary, may not be perpetual, or that if they be withdrawn the men who receive them may not go out of the shipping business, and throw us back again on foreign or unsubsidized ships? The protective tariff was to be only temporary, but it has lasted in exaggerated degree for four decades, and it will take pretty hard fighting to get it down to moderate figures, if we ever do. We might run the subsidy business for a number of years, pay out millions of dollars, principally to a class of ships which rendered but little service as commerce-promoters, then find ourselves without a merchant marine, and the whole business a failure, the millions expended squandered on men who did little or nothing to earn the money.

WHAT SLAVERY DID FOR THEM.

Slavery is finding defenders in some unexpected quarters these days. A few days ago Maj. R. H. Pratt, superintendent of the Indian Training School at Carlisle, Pa., delivered an address before a teachers' institute in which he said that slavery had been a boon to the negroes, whom it brought from savagery to civilization and in touch with the white race. A colored Bishop, in a letter, took exception to what he said, to which Major Pratt replied in an open letter as follows:

"What I did say was that slavery had brought 10,000,000 of blacks from the torrid zone into this enlightened country, and had taught them a new language and had prepared them by association for citizenship, and that no Christian or other civilized scheme that I know of in the history of the world had done or was capable of doing a thing like that.

"We blame the people of the South for Jim Crow cars, and yet your own people are regularly in the Jim Crow car business everywhere by this religious, school and local organizing. The United States makes a constitutional amendment that there shall be no distinction on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude. Then immediately Congress legislates that there shall be two regiments of cavalry and two of infantry made up entirely of colored men. So the Government sets the example in the Jim Crow car business. But it is a long question. I have thought about it for a great many years. I do not regret that I fought from April, 1861, to May, 1865, for the freedom of your people.

"You certainly have no grounds to quarrel with slavery unless you regret being transplanted from the jungles of Africa and your low estate there to the citizenship, freedom, and intelligence in the United States you now enjoy, for slavery was the bridge that carried you over, and there was not and is not another bridge equal to do that job."

The real gainer from slavery, as far at least as this country is concerned, was the negro. If there had never been a slave brought into the South, the white people of the South would have been incomparably better off, and industrially would have prospered and progressed as other sections did.

Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly, run-down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist.

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THOSE PACIFIED ISLANDS.

The Washington war managers will go slow in bringing home the soldiers in the Philippines whose terms of enlistment will expire next June. It is now conceded that there must be a force of 6,000 men kept in the islands and therefore the work of bringing back soldiers now there must move slowly and in accordance with the provisions made to replace them with recruits. As showing how the soldiers now there like or rather dislike the service, there is no disposition to re-enlist, and therefore Gen. MacArthur suggests offering a bounty of $250 as an inducement. But that would hardly be temptation enough for a soldier who is really anxious to get out of that mess, as nine out of ten of them doubtless are.

But if they have to offer such a bounty to keep the necessary force up in those islands this will add another pretty large item to this already very expensive war, remarkably expensive in view of the frequent official declarations that the war was over, the only remaining resistance being by a handful of malcontents.

There is no intimation as to how long it may be necessary to keep a force of 60,000 men in the islands, but the presumption is that they must be kept there until those "semi-savages" are civilized and trained to like the American way of doing things. Judging from the slow progress made so far this job will last for some years to come at a cost of many millions annually. If it were closed up now it would take a good many years to get even on the money that has already been expended, not to speak of the lives that have been and the others that will be sacrificed. What a wretched blunder this whole shotgun expansion has been.

IT DEPENDS UPON THE CUBANS.

Considerable comment is being made on a speech recently delivered by Gen. Lee, at Omaha, in which, speaking of Cuba, he said that the duration of American occupation would depend upon the Cubans themselves, that this Government was pledged to see a "stable government" established on the island, and until that was done and the Cubans showed they were fully capable of self-government, and giving full protection to life, property, etc., we could not withdraw from the island.

This is about as far as any one in any way connected with the Government has gone on this line, so that the question of evacuation is one of the things that the future must determine and "will depend on the Cubans themselves." But will it depend on the Cubans themselves? Who will determine whether they have a "stable" government, they, orthe administration at Washington?" They may establish a government that would suit them, that would do all that they think a government ought to do, and yet that may not be a "stable" government, according to the American idea, especially of those Americans who do not want to let go of the "Pearl of the Antilles" after once getting a grip on it.

All this talk about a "stable government" is simply a part of the game the grabbers are playing to tarry there until an "annexation" sentiment can be worked up and the island taken in, as Hawaii was. That will be all right if it comes right, but the people who are working for annexation don't care whether it comes right or wrong. The flag is up and they think we own Cuba now.

D. O. Mills, the millionaire philanthropist of New York, has got himself into trouble. He has erected two big hotels for the accommodation of respectable people who cannot afford to pay the prices charged in the nobby hotels. One of them a few nights ago entertained a lawyer with one undershirt. Somehow the lawyer slipped out of the undershirt, which disappeared, and now the lawyer is suing Mr. Mills and wants to grind 75 cents damages out of him. Mr. Mills isn't worried so much over the 75 cents demanded but he objects to being held as guardian over fugitive undershirts.

Prevented A Tragedy.

Timely information given Mrs. George Long, of New Straitsville, O., prevented a dreadful tragedy and saved two lives. A frightful cough had long kept her awake every night. She had tried many remedies and doctors but steadily grew worse until urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle wholly cured her, and she writes this marvelous medicine also cured Mr. Long of a severe attack of Pneumonia. Such cures are positive proof of the matchless merit of this grand remedy for curing all throat, chest and lung troubles. Only 50c. and $1 00. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottles 10c at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

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The Crane Company, of Chicago, distributed $100,000 as a Christmas gift among its 3,000 employes, each one getting a sum equal to five per cent. of the wages earned during the year. This company has a striking way of showing its interest in its employes, and consequently it is never troubled with strikes. When it struck on that plan as a harmony promoter it made a ten-strike.

There are in the United States 244,527 school houses and other buildings devoted to education, valued at $524,689,255. There are 415,660 teachers, of whom 131,793 are men and 283,867 women. The school bill for the year 1899 was $197,281,603, or $3.32 per capita for children of school age.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Chadbourn *Messenger*: With deep regret we chronicle the death of Miss Annie Frink which occurred near Hinson's cross roads, where she had been teaching, last Monday.

— Lumberton *Robesonian*: Mr. Robt. McGeachy, whose home is above Athens on the Big Marsh was found dead on the road Friday afternoon. He was last seen on the road early Friday morning, and must have been dead some hours when his body was discovered.

— Goldsboro *Argus*: An attempt was made Saturday night to "hold up" Sheriff Scott by three unknown men near the railroad bridge over Stony Creek, but by having a fast horse the sheriff made good his escape. It is not known or even surmised for what purpose the "hold up" was attempted.

— Kinston *Free Press*: The store of Mr. H. C. White, near Closs, was destroyed by fire last Wednesday night. The loss of Mr. White was about $1,200; insured for $650. The store building belonged to Mr. H. C. Harrison, and was valued at $300, on which there was no insurance.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: In November Miss Clara Barton, president of the Red Cross Relief Association, then operating at Galveston, placed with the Continental Plant Company (O. W. Blacknall & Sons), of Kitrell, an order for 1,000,000 strawberry plants. This was probably the largest order of the kind ever placed, with one exception, the same company having once before booked an order for 1,800,000 plants. These plants were for distribution among the fruit growers of that part of Texas which suffered such devastation from the storm that destroyed Galveston. —— On Sunday "Nib" Washington, a colored woman, entered the home of Miss Mollie Merritt, a young white woman, in Goldsboro, and severely beat her. Miss Merritt is a dress-maker, and had finished a dress for the woman. The latter called for the dress and when told that she could not take it away till paid for, the negro declared she would take it and assaulted Miss Merritt, beating her severely. Afterwards she ransacked ths house.

— Greenville *Reflector*: We do not believe that Pitt county has had a more cold blooded and unprovoked murder than one that occurred at Falkland Saturday, when John Parker wilfully slew Elex Little, both parties white. Saturday morning John Parker was sworn in a special policeman at Falkland. During the night he heard a noise in Nichols' bar and went in to tell the parties inside to make less noise. Alex Little was in there quietly settling some bills. Parker said to Little "You are the very man I have been looking for. I understand you said no Falkland policeman could arrest you." To this Little replied "I have made no such remark and had no occasion to make it, for I have done nothing to be arrested for." "Come take a drink with me then," said Parker. Little agreed to take the drink with Parker. They went up to the counter and the drinks were poured out, when Parker stepped back and said. "Before we take this drink I want to know if you will take back what you said." Little again replied "I have said nothing to take back. What is the matter with you?" Quick as a flash Parker drew his pistol and emptied it into Little, killing him almost instantly. Parker made his escape.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Those Congressmen who are talking about abolishing the National Military Academy at West Point, "if hazing cannot be abolished," are merely "talking through their hats." And they know it, and the country knows it. Why should men with brain enough to be elected to Congress talk nonsense?—*Savannah News, Dem.*

—— The French Government, it is announced, will ship back to Pekin all the things stolen by its soldiers in the looting of that city, which is highly creditable to that Government. Whether our Washington authorities propose ever to ship back to the Philippines the communion services and other things obtained by its soldiers from the churches they have "opened" in the islands, is not stated.—*Charleston News and Courier, Dem.*

—— Rochester is suffering from a hydrophobia scare, and the health commissioner warns everybody to "regard every dog with suspicion." The present scare is probably unwarranted by the facts, though doubtless some of the dogs are afflicted with the rabies; for, this is the time of the year when the disease manifests itself more than at any other; a fact which shows the folly of the Summer ordinance that drives many a dog to premature death by compelling him to wear a muzzle.—*Brooklyn Citizen, Dem.*

— A phenomenal success: Cahill —"Was the sthrike a success?" Casidy—"It was! Afther being out six weeks we succaded in gittin' back our jobs."—*Puck.*

TWAITERS.

— Mistress (severely:) If such a thing occurs again, Norah, I shall have to get another servant. Norah: I wish you would—there's easily enough work for two of us.—*Tit-Bits*

— Missed the Spread.—Parson Primrose—How was it didn't have a turkey dinner this? Weary Waggles—'Cause dis wuz de furst Chri'mus I didn't spend on de island."—*Leslie's Weekly.*

— The Ultimate Cause.—"But why is it," asked the thoughtful Chinese, "that I may go to your heaven while I may not go to your country?" The American missionary shrugged his shoulders. "There's no labor vote in heaven!" said he.—*Puck.*

— Scandal—"She seems to me one of the most distinguished looking young women in Boston!" "They tell dreadful stories about her!" "Indeed?" "Yes, they say, for instance, that the lenses of her spectacles are plain glass, with no magnifying power whatever?"—*Detroit Journal.*

— Her conscience wasn't troubled —"If any people call, Norah, be sure to tell them I am out. What are you waiting for? It doesn't disturb your conscience, does it?" "Oh, no, ma'am, I'm hardened to it. I've worked for society liars before, ma'am."—*Cleveland Plain-Dealer.*

— Fixed: Judge—"Now, my boy, you are on your oath. Do you understand what that means?" Witness—Why—er—I don't jest—er—reckon—" Judge "Do you know what you're expected to tell?" Witness—"Oh, yes, the lawyer that hired me wrote it all down so that could learn it by heart."—*Philadelphia Press.*

— A Cruel Blow.—Miss Flypp (tearfully)—"I think Mr. Huggins is real mean. Miss Fosdick—What has he done? Miss Flypp—He asked me what I though would be a nice Christmas gift for a young lady, I told him a diamond broach. Of course I supposed I was the young lady he alluded to; but what does he do but go and buy it for that perfectly odious Julia Tracy."—*Leslie's Weekly.*

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

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BAGGING—			
2 lb Jute		8 @	8½
Standard		8 @	10½
Burlaps		6 @	6½
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ₩ lb		11½@	14
Sides ₩ lb			8½
Shoulders ₩ lb		8 @	8½
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ₩ lb		7½@	8
Shoulders ₩ lb		7 @	7½
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each		@	1 40
Second-hand machine		@	1 40
New New York, each		@	1 45
New City, each		@	1 45
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ₩ M		6 75 @	7 00
Northern		9 00 @	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ₩ lb		20 @	25
Northern		27 @	30
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks		50 @	53½
Virginia Meal		50 @	52½
COTTON TIES—₩ bundle		@	1 45
CANDLES—₩ lb—			
Sperm		18 @	25
Adamantine		8 @	11
CHEESE—₩ lb—			
Northern Factory		13 @	14
Dairy Cream		15 @	16
State		11½@	12
COFFEE—₩ lb—			
Laguyra		11 @	12½
Rio		9½@	11
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ₩ yard		@	5½
Yarns, ₩ bunch of 5 lbs		@	70
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ₩ barrel	22 00 @		30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ₩ half-bbl	11 00 @		15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ₩ barrel	16 00 @		18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ₩ half-bbl	8 00 @		9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ₩ barrel	13 00 @		14 00
Mullets, ₩ barrel	3 75 @		4 00
Mullets, ₩ pork barrel	7 50 @		8 00
N. C. Roe Herring, ₩ keg	3 00 @		3 25
Dry Cod, ₩ lb	5 @		10
" Extra	4 25 @		4 50
FLOUR—₩ bbl—			
Low grade	3 25 @		3 50
Choice	@		3 75
Straight	@		4 00
First Patent	4 50 @		4 75
GLUE—₩ lb	10 @		11
GRAIN—₩ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White	52 @		60
Mixed Corn	55 @		56
Car-load, in bgs—White	@		53½
Oats, from store	35 @		37½
Oats, Rust Proof	40 @		42
Cow Peas	@		65
HIDES—₩ lb—			
Green salted	@		6½
Dry flint	10 @		11
Dry salt	9 @		10
HAY ₩ 100 lbs			
No 1 Timothy	90 @		95
Rice Straw	40 @		50
Eastern	85 @		90
Western	80 @		85
North River	@		90
HOOP IRON, ₩ lb	3½@		5½
LARD, ₩ lb—			
Northern	6½@		8½
North Carolina	9 @		10
LIME, ₩ barrel	1 15 @		1 20
LUMBER (city sawed) ₩ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00 @		20 00
Rough edge Plank	15 00 @		16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00 @		18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00 @		22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00 @		15 00
MOLASSES ₩ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogsheads		@	25
Barbadoes, in barrels		@	30
Porto Rico, in hogsheads	28 @		30
Porto Rico, in barrels	28 @		32
Sugar House, in hogsheads	12 @		14
Sugar House, in barrels	14 @		15
Syrup, in barrels	15 @		25
NAILS, ₩ keg, Cut, 60d basis		@	2 35
PORK, ₩ barrel—			
City Mess		@	14 50
Rump		@	14 25
Prime		@	14 25
ROPE, ₩ lb	11 @		22
SALT, ₩ sack, Alum		@	1 25
Liverpool	90 @		95
American	90 @		95
On 125 ₩ Sacks		@	63
SUGAR, ₩ lb—Standard Gran'd	5½@		5¾
Standard A		@	5¼
White Extra C		@	5¼
Extra C, Golden		@	5¼
C Yellow		@	4¾
SOAP, ₩ lb—Northern	3½@		6
STAVES, ₩ M—W. O. barrel	6 00 @		14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ₩ M feet—Shipping	8 00 @		9 00
Common mill	4 00 @		5 00
Fair mill	5 00 @		6 00
Prime mill	6 50 @		7 50
Extra mill	8 00 @		9 00
SHINGLES, N.C. Cypress sawed			
₩ M 6x24 heart	4 25 @		5 00
" Sap	3 00 @		3 25
5x20 Heart	3 25 @		3 50
" Sap	1 50 @		1 75
WHISKEY, ₩ gallon Northern	1 00 @		3 10

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TWO REMARKABLE CURES
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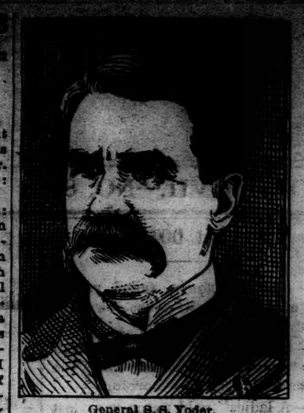
A Catarrh Cure That Cures.

Miss Dade Stegeman, superintendent of the Chicago North Side Woman's Club, of Chicago, in a recent letter to Dr. Hartman speaks of Pe-ru-na as follows:

CHICAGO, Jan. 23, 1899.
Pe-ru-na Drug M'f'g Co., Columbus, O.:
Gentlemen—Pe-ru-na has often been used by the members of our club in cases of stomach trouble and general debility—also recently in cases of la grippe, and always with the most beneficiary results. I think a great deal of Pe-ru-na—often recommend it to my friends, and am glad to say all who have tried it speak a good word for it. Dade Stegeman.

Dade Stegeman.

Pe-ru-na has become to be so universally recognized as a specific cure for catarrh, acute or chronic, coughs, colds bronchitis, that it is amazing that any one should continue to suffer on with such a terrible malady, neglecting to take a course of treatment with it. Of course it may be that some people have not yet come to know of this great catarrh remedy, but it is strange that it should be so after such multitudes have been cured by it and so many papers have heralded it from one end of the country to the other. But the news travels faster and faster every month, and no one can fail to see that the time is not far distant when Pe-ru-na will be known in every household in the land.



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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, December 26.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.20 per barrel for strained and $1.25 for good strained.

TAR—Market steady at $1.30 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market dull at $1.30 per barrel for hard, $2.30 for dip and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine firm at 48@47½c; rosin firm at $1.10@1.15; tar steady at $1.25; crude turpentine firm at $1.50 @$2.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	92
Rosin	802
Tar	658
Crude turpentine	91

Receipts same day last year.—55 casks spirits turpentine, 360 bbls rosin, 718 bbls tar, 40 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 9¼c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	6 15-16	cts ₩ lb
Good ordinary	8 5-16	" "
Low middling	8 15-16	" "
Middling	9¾	" "
Good middling	9 11-16	" "

Same day last year middling steady at 7c.

Receipts—1,665 bales; same day last year, 2,028.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, 80c. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c.

CORN—Firm; 58 to 60 cents per bushel for white.

ROUGH RICE—Lowland (tide-water) 85 cents; upland 50@60c. Quotations on a basis of 45 pounds to the bushel.

N. C. BACON—steady; hams 12½ to 14c per pound; shoulders, 8 to 9c; sides, 8 to 9c.

EGGS—Dull at 20 cents per dozen.

CHICKENS—Very dull. Grown, 20@22 cents; springs, 10@15 cents.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25 cents.

TALLOW—Firm at 5¼@6½ cents per pound.

TURKEYS—Live, dull at 8 to 10c; dressed, 12½ to 15c.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 45 to 50c.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Money on call firm at 4@6 per cent., the last loan being at 4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4¾@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at 484¾ for demand and 480¾@481 for sixty days. Posted rates were 481¼ and 485¼. Commercial bills 480@480¾. Silver certificates 64½@65. Bar silver 64. Mexican dollars 50. Government bonds strong. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds irregular. U. S. refunding 2's reg'd, 105½; U. S. refund'g 2's, coupon, 106; U. S. 2's, reg'd, —; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 110¾; do. coupon, 110; U. S. new 4's, reg'd, 138¾; do. coupon, 138¾; U. S. 4's, old reg'd, 115½; do. coupon, 116¾; U. S. 5's, reg'd. 114; do. coupon, 114; Southern Railway 5's 114¼. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 82¾; Chesapeake & Ohio 42¼; Manhattan L 116¼; N. Y. Central 143¾; Reading 25½; do. 1st pref'd 69½; St. Paul, 138½; do. pref'd, 184; Southern Railway 23¾; pref'd 72½; American Tobacco, 112; do. pref'd 135; People's Gas 106; Sugar 141¼; do. pref'd 117; T. C. & Iron 67; U. S. Leather 13¾; do. preferred 75; Western Union 83½. Standard Oil 815@818.

BALTIMORE, December 26.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 10¼@10¾; preferred 27¾@27½. Bonds—4's 71½.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Rosin steady. Spirits turpentine quiet.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 26.—Spirits turpentine firm at 35½c; sales — casks. Rosin firm and unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 26.—Spirits turpentine firm at 35c; sales 527 casks; receipts 1,489 casks; exports 66 casks. Rosin firm; W W $2 50; W G $2 25; N $2 00; sales 637 barrels; receipts 1,186 barrels; exports 290 barrels.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 29.—It has been many days since cotton speculation has been confined to the meagre dealings recorded on 'Change during the day. Fluctuations were hardly in harmony with the apathy, reaching a matter of fourteen points. On the first call the feeling was steady, but few trades were made in the absence of news from the English market which was closed. Prices were unchanged to two points higher on first sales and for the rest of the forenoon did not vary five points. The room element was seriously handicapped by scarcity of orders from the public and foreign contingent and by insufficient information from the crop country. The afternoon session was somewhat more interesting in the way of changes in values. Soon after the noon hour an estimate for large receipts at New Orleans to morrow led to nervous light selling, which came at a time when buyers were few and far between. Prices suffered accordingly and broke some eight to fourteen points from the best level of the morning. There was nothing in the way of excitement. Soon after the pit presented an inanimate spectacle, and for the best of the day business dragged wearily while fluctuations were confined to a point or so. Shorts were made nervous by fears of a squeeze in January and March and by reports that desirable grades of spot cotton in the South were scarce and held at a slight premium. The market closed barely steady with prices net unchanged to eleven points lower.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Cotton dull; middling uplands 10 5-16c.

Cotton futures closed barely steady: December 9.99, January 9.56, February 9.33, March 9.33, April 9.29, May 9.26, June 9.23, July 9.18, August 8.95, September 8.36, October 8.00.

Spot cotton closed dull; middling uplands 10 5-16c; middling gulf 10 9-16c; sales 2,122 bales.

Net receipts 8,213 bales; gross receipts 4,244 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,350 bales; exports to the Continent 2,033 bales; stock 61,966 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 33,598 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,893 bales; exports to France 12,953 bales; exports to the Continent 3,906 bales; stock 953,498 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 141,520 bales; exports to Great Britain 78,605 bales; exports to France 23,153 bales; exports to the Continent 43,017 bales.

Total since September 1st.—Net receipts 4,369,286 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,609 083 bales; exports to France 353,708 bales; exports to the Continent 1,112,047 bales.

December 26.—Galveston, holiday, net receipts 10,068 bales; Norfolk, steady at 9½c, net receipts 161 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 10c, net receipts 1,350 bales; Boston, holiday, net receipts — bales; Wilmington, holiday, net receipts — bales; Philadelphia quiet at 10 9 16c, net receipts 188 bales; Savannah, steady at 9 5 16c, net receipts 5,981 bales; New Orleans, quiet and easy at 9 7 16c, net receipts 3,259 bales; Mobile, quiet at 9¼, net receipts 611 bales; Memphis, steady at 9 9-16, net receipts 2,267 bales; Augusta, steady at 9½c, net receipts 2,586 bales; Charleston, firm at 9¼c, net receipts 999 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Flour was very quiet but steadily held. Wheat—Spot easy; No. 2 red 78¼c. f. o. b. afloat. Options opened steady on small world's shipments and light offerings, but later eased off under selling induced by an increase in the visible supply statement and lower French cables. Closed easy at ¼c net decline, March closed 79¼c; May closed 78¾c; December closed 77¼c. Corn—Spot easier; No. 2 45¼c at elevator. Options were very dull all day. An easy opening on fine weather was followed by subsequent steadiness owing to a decrease in the visible and final decline with wheat. Closed easy at a partial ¾@¼c net decline. January closed 43c; May closed 41¾; December closed 45¼. Oats—Spot dull; No. 2 37¼c. Options steady but inactive. Pork steady. Lard easy; Western steam $7 30; refined dull; continent $7 40; South American $8 15; compound 5¾@6. Butter steady; Western creamery 17@25c; State dairy 16@23; factory 11¾@16c. Eggs firmer; State and Pennsylvania 24@26c at mark, for average lots; Western regular packing 19@23c. Cheese firm; fancy large, fall made 11¼@11½c; small fancy, fall made 11¾@12c. Petrolem quoted dull. Potatoes quiet; Jersey $1 00@1 37½; New York $1 25@1 62½; Long Island $1 50@1 75; Jerseys sweets $1 75@3 75. Freights to Liverpool dull. Tallow firm. Rice quiet. Molasses steady. Cotton seed oil was very dull in the absence of foreign news, or orders, with no change in the quotations, the market closing steady: Prime crude, in barrels, 27c; off prime summer yellow 29¼@30c; summer yellow 29c; prime white 34@35c; prime winter yellow 36@37; prime meal $25 00. Coffee—Spot Rio weak; No. 7 invoice 6¾; mild—market quiet; Cordova 9¼@13¼. Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining 3⅞c; centrifugal, 96 test 4⅜c; molasses sugar 3⅝c; refined quiet.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—The Board of Trade markets were very dull as a rule to-day. The prospect of a bearish government report to morrow and the absence of outside support depressed wheat, May closing ½c lower. December corn closed

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This ring was once in the possession of one of Mr. Temple's ancestors, who lived in France. He was a stanch royalist, and in the days of the revolution he valiantly espoused the cause of the unfortunate Louis and his lovely, doomed queen, Marie Antoinette. He was arrested and thrown into jail, where he lingered for days and weeks.

One of his few pleasures in the gloomy solitude of his dreary dungeon was to listen to the voice or tune of the little musical ring, which he always wore on the third finger of his left hand. He had inherited it from his grandfather, who had it manufactured in Genoa at great cost.

One day sullen faced men heavily armed came to his dark dungeon and told him he must follow them. He knew that this meant the guillotine. He stepped bravely out to meet his fate, determined to die like an English gentleman and a brave man. And he did.

A strange fancy took possession of him just before they led him to the block. He touched the spring of his little ring and lovingly held it to his ear. It sang its little tune merrily and briskly.

Then the signal came. He laid his head on the guillotine which a few hours before had known the lifeblood of a queen.

In the course of time the little ring found its way back to the Temple family, but it was silent. Its present owner took it to a London jeweler, who found in the musical mechanism a clot of blood that for years had lain there and impeded the working of the machinery.

This was removed, and the little ring sings again the same little tune that beguiled the many sad hours of its former owner.

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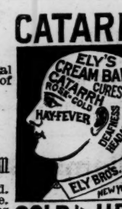

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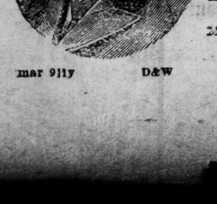

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WORN SILVER COINS.

THEY DO NOT SUFFER ANY LOSS OF VALUE BY ABRASION.

No Matter How Smooth They Be, So Long as They Show They Are Genuine and the Denomination Can Be Ascertained They Are Legal Tender.

As everybody is frequently possessed of "slick" or smooth dimes or plugged, mutilated and battered nickels, and either of these coins might be the last in his possession, awkward results might follow; so it is wise to learn if the common carriers have any legal right to refuse such coins. Most people have had them refused at one time or another and have never questioned the right of the person to whom they were tendered to reject them.

But no one has any legal right to reject such coins. The law of the land strictly defines what coins are to be rejected and the reasons for their rejection, and the nickel and dime are not included. This is the law on the matter reduced to ordinary language: So long as the coin—whether it is a dime, a quarter, half dollar, dollar or a nickel or cent—is distinguishable as a genuine United States coin and its denomination can be ascertained, the fact of its being slick or worn smooth doesn't count; it is good, lawful money, is a legal tender, and no good citizen who respects the law should refuse it.

Are "slick" silver coins good money and legal tender? Yes. Is the objection that they are worn smooth a legal objection to accepting them? No. Do shopkeepers who refuse them offend the law? Yes, for ignorance of the law is no excuse is a well known legal maxim.

The idea of these shopkeepers that the dime or quarter worn smooth is no good is just contrary to the decision of four courts—the jury court, the supreme court and the court of errors and appeals of the state of New Jersey and later the supreme court of the United States.

A conductor on a street railway in Jersey City one fine day, when walking was good, refused a silver dime tendered him by a passenger because it was smooth. The passenger declined to produce any other money at the request of the conductor, who thereupon ejected him from the car. The man brought a suit for damages, and it cost the railway company $5,000 to learn that one cannot refuse the lawful money of the United States and treat it with contempt because it isn't as young and fresh as it used to be.

The railway company took the case up to the United States supreme court, and in every court it was beaten.

This is a fact which is also good law, and it may well be borne in mind by those who are subjected to the petty annoyances of people who from overcaution reject perfectly good money. There is no limitation put on the time when silver coin ceases to be coin—that is, loses its legal tender character. The statutes place an express limitation on the legal tender character of gold coin—loss of weight by abrasion affects those—but that limitation does not extend to silver coin, and the provision of the statutes is that silver coin shall be lawful tender so long as it remains lawful money of the country.

The opinion published by Chief Justice Fuller of the supreme court in the "slick" dime case: "This particularity in the limitation and allowance as to gold coins is not found in the case of natural abrasion in silver coins. This difference is very noticeable and important in a question of statutory and legislative intention. It seems by these statutes that so long as a genuine silver coin is worn only by natural abrasion, is not appreciably diminished in weight and retains the appearance of a coin duly issued from the mint it is a legal tender for its original value."

Now, as everybody knows, a silver coin can go through a frightful amount of hard usage, even to being run over by the wheels of a heavy freight train, and still unmistakably present the appearance of a coin which was issued from the mint. So this opinion is farreaching. This decision was, as has been said, on the smooth dime case, but it applies to all silver coins and to smooth nickels and cents. So long as the coin is distinguishable as a genuine United States coin and it denomination can be ascertained, the fact that it has been worn smooth by passing from hand to hand or by any accident does not take from its purchasing power. Every good citizen who respects the law will accept it.

But suppose a conductor hands back a plugged nickel or even a nickel with a hole in it, saying, "You can't ride on that," what would you do? Ten chances to one you would accept his ignorant dictum and hunt for another coin or give him a bill to change. But the truth is that he would be exceeding his rights. There is not a word in the law about mutilated coinage which includes nickels or cents. The law expressly forbids the lightening or mutilating of gold and silver coins, but does not mention any other coins. The section of the United States revised statutes which covers this point says: "Every person who fraudulently, by any way, art or means, defaces, mutilates, impairs, diminishes, falsifies scales or lightens the gold or silver coins which have been made or hereafter shall be made at the mints of the United States, shall be imprisoned not more than two years and fined not more than $2,000."

Not a word about pennies or nickels, so the individual who gets by mistake a handful of plugged or battered nickels and pennies in his pocket need feel no pricklings of conscience when he in turn tries to pass them. They are lawful tender and, more than that, the shopkeeper who exposes wares for sale is compelled by law to accept them. If he is captious about it, he can quickly be brought to reason by quoting law on the subject.—New York News.

Ruby Superstitions.

With the Hindoos of today the ruby is osteemed as a talisman which is never shown willingly to friends and is considered ominous of the worst possible fortune if it should happen to contain black spots. The ancients accredited it with the power of restraining passion and regarded it as a safeguard against lightning.

Wide Awake.

Fuddle—You know Stocks, don't you?

Doctor—Yes, indeed. He is now a patient of mine.

Fuddle—Pretty wide awake man, isn't he?

Doctor—I should say so. I am treating him for insomnia.—Tit-Bits.

Not Enough to Go Around.

A young married lady had just acquired a new coach and a new footman to match, relates the Scottish American. "John," she said one day, "we will drive out to make a few calls. But I shan't get out of the carriage; you will, therefore, take the cards that are on my dressing table and leave one of them at each house we stop at."

"Very good, ma'am," answered John, and he ran up stairs to fetch the cards.

After they had driven about a considerable time, and cards had been left at a large number of houses, the lady remarked:

"Now we must call on the Dales, the Framptons and Clarkes."

"We can't do it," here broke in the footman, in alarm: "I've only the ace of spades and the ten of clubs left!"

A Loud Voiced Bird.

A story runs that on a certain day two men, one of them very deaf, were walking by the railway. Suddenly an express train rushed by, and as it passed the engine emitted a shriek that seemed to rend the very sky.

The hearing man's ears were well nigh split, but the deaf man struck an ecstatic attitude. Then, turning to his suffering friend, he said, with a pleased smile:

"That's the first robin I've heard this spring!"—Kansas City Independent.

In Japan handkerchiefs are made of paper, cords are twisted from it and imitations of cordova leather are skillfully contrived from it.

SPECIALTIES IN CLOTHING.

Pointers From a Man Who Year After Year Sells Trousers Only.

"Of course," said the drummer in the smoking compartment of the sleeper to his traveling acquaintance sitting opposite, "there are plenty of houses that make clothing of all kinds, and then there are concerns that make a specialty of some kind or sort. For instance, some concerns make only summer clothing, and some make only bicycle clothing, and that has been a very considerable business by itself. And then there are some that make a specialty of children's clothing, and there are concerns—some of them good, big houses, too—that make nothing but men's trousers.

"But though these concerns make and sell only one garment they make that one in great variety, of different weights for different seasons and in cloths of a great variety of patterns, and the trousers are in various sizes and proportions. So that a trousers manufacturing concern turns out in the course of the year trousers in simply hundreds of varieties. Commonly a man on the road selling trousers would carry two trunks of samples. I have known men to have four or five trunks of trousers only.

"Trousers are sometimes sold as a side line by men who carry more or less of a variety of things which they sell through some comparatively limited territory which they work up and cover carefully all the time. For instance, a man may limit himself to a single state, or perhaps cover two states, and a man might take through the territory that he thus covered a line of some manufacturer's trousers. And then trousers are all sold by men who take the road with them as they would with anything else. I sell trousers myself, and trousers only, and I am at it on the road or at home the year round. That's my business, selling men's trousers, and I follow that just as you do your business, right along, year after year."—New York Sun.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND.

Under and by virtue of a degree of the Superior Court of New Hanover county, in a cause therein pending, wherein the City of Wilmington is plaintiff and Charles E. Walker is defendant, the undersigned commissioner will expose for sale at public auction at the court house door in New Hanover county, on the 14th day of January, 1901, at 12 o'clock M., for cash, to the highest bidder, the following piece or parcel of land, lying and being in the City of Wilmington, county of New Hanover and State of North Carolina, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the western line of Second street 66 feet north from the northwest intersection of Second and Wright streets and runs thence west and parallel with Wright street 165 feet; thence north and parallel with Second street 66 feet; thence east and parallel with Wright street 165 feet to the western line of Second street; thence south along said western line of Second street 66 feet to the beginning; being the eastern half of Lot 5, Block 81, according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington.

This 12th day of December, 1900.

ROBERT RUARK, Commissioner.

IREDELL MEARES, City Attorney. th dec 13 4t

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND.

Under and by virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover county, in a cause therein pending, wherein the City of Wilmington is plaintiff and Joseph L. Lander and Jane Lander are defendants, the undersigned commissioner will expose for sale at public auction, at the court house door in New Hanover county, on the 14th day of January, 1901, at 12 o'clock M. for cash, to the highest bidder, the following pieces or parcels of land, lying and being in the City of Wilmington, county of New Hanover, and State of North Carolina, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the east line of Sixth street 66 feet north of the north line of Queen street; runs thence north with said line of Sixth street 55 feet; thence east parallel with Queen street 132 feet; thence south parallel with Sixth street 55 feet; thence west parallel with Queen street 132 feet to the beginning; being a part of the western half of Lot 516, in Block 78 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington.

This 12th day of December, 1900.

ROBERT RUARK, Commissioner.

IREDELL MEARES, City Attorney. th dec 13 4t

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND.

Under and by virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover county, in a cause therein pending, wherein the City of Wilmington is plaintiff and D. W. Chadwick and Sarah E. Chadwick are defendants, the undersigned commissioner will expose for sale at public auction, at the court house door in New Hanover county, on the 14th day of January, 1901 at 12 o'clock M., for cash, to the highest bidder, the following piece or parcel of land, lying and being in the City of Wilmington, county of New Hanover, and State of North Carolina, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Fourth street 238 feet south from the southeastern intersection of Fourth and Brunswick streets; runs thence east parallel with Brunswick street 165 feet; thence south and parellel with Fourth street 40 feet; thence westwardly parallel with Brunswick street 165 feet to the eastern line of Fourth street; thence northwardly on Fourth street to the beginning.

This 12th day of December, 1900.

ROBERT RUARK, Commissioner.

IREDELL MEARES, City Attorney. th dec 13 4t

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND.

Under and by virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover county, in a cause therein pending, wherein the City of Wilmington is plaintiff and Jefferson Smith and wife, Ada C. Smith, are defendants, the undersigned commissioner will expose for sale at public auction, at the court house door in New Hanover county, on the 14th day of January, 1901, at 12 o'clock M., for cash, to the highest bidder, the following piece or parcel of land, lying and being in the City of Wilmington, county of New Hanover, and State of North Carolina, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stake on the south side of Dock street 66 feet westwardly from the corner of Dock and Seventh streets; runs thence with south line of Dock street westwardly 66 feet; thence southwardly parallel with Seventh street to a point half the distance between Dock and Orange streets in Block 144; thence eastwardly parallel with Dock and Orange streets 66 feet; thence northwardly parallel with Seventh street to the beginning, same being part of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, in Block 144, according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington

This 12th day of December, 1900.

ROBERT RUARK, Commissioner.

IREDELL MEARES, City Attorney. th dec 13 4t

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND.

Under and by virtue of a decree in the Superior Court of New Hanover county, in a cause therein pending, wherein the City of Wilmington is plaintiff and Harding Johnson and wife, Alice Johnson, are defendants, the undersigned commissioner will expose for sale at public auction, at the court house door in New Hanover county, on the 14th day of January, 1901, at 12 o'clock M., for cash, the highest bidder, the following piece or parcel of land, lying and being in the City of Wilmington, county of New Hanover, and State of North Carolina, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the northern line of Chesnut street 90 feet east of the northeastern intersection of Third and Chesnut streets; runs thence east along the said northern line of Chesnut street 75 feet to an alley; thence north and parallel with Third street 174 feet to a brick wall; thence west and parallel with Chesnut street 75 feet to Mauger London's line; thence south along the said London's line 174 feet, to the beginning.

This 12th day of December, 1900.

ROBERT RUARK, Commissioner.

IREDELL MEARES, City Attorney. th dec 13 4t

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND.

Under and by virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover county, in a cause therein pending, wherein the City of Wilmington is plaintiff, and Joseph J. Jones, Emma Jones and Rose Jones are defendants, the undersigned Commissioner will expose for sale at public auction, at the Court House door in New Hanover county, on the 14th day of January, 1901, at 12 o'clock M., for cash, to the highest bidder, the following piece or parcel of land, lying and being in the city of Wilmington, county of New Hanover and State of North Carolina, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the line of the west side of Anderson street 60 feet south from its intersection with the line of the south side of Green street, thence south with said line of Anderson street 66 feet, thence west parallel with Green street 165 feet, thence north parallel with Anderson street 66 feet, thence east parallel with Green street 165 feet to the beginning.

This 12th day of December, 1900.

ROBERT RUARK, Commissioner.

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Our Toy stock is the largest we have ever had, consisting of everything in the Toy line. Old Santa Claus makes his headquarters with us. All the little children writing to Old Santa Claus should mail their letters to the Racket Store. You should look in our windows and see our Christmas Trees, where you will see most any kind of Toys you are looking for. We sell them both wholesale and retail. We have a big stock of Fancy China and Glassware and Crystal Glass that we sell from 5c up. You may want to buy presents for others besides the children. We have a lot of soft soled Christmas Shoes for little children at 25c, in all colors. Ladies' House Slippers at 75c and $1.00 a pair.

A big line of nice Umbrellas with elegant handles for Holiday Gifts from 50c to $2.00 each. Three lots of New Cloaks received last week. We sell a real nice Melton Cloth Cape, in tan, in up to date styles, at $4.00. Our $6.50, $7 50 and $9.00 are equal to anybody's Cloaks and are 25 per cent. less in price. We have a job lot of Cloaks, all black, lined throughout, made well and new style, for $1.75. We have 500 Capes on hand that we want to sell. We have them as low as 25c, fur trimmed, and a nice Cloth Cape with double Cape and Collar, good weight, fur trimmed, at 98c. A Melton Cloth Cape in red, blue, black or tan, at $1.75 and $2.00 each. We have Velvet Capes at $1.00 and $1.50 each. Silk Plush Capes with applique and fur trimming, beautiful goods, at $2.98. Ladies' extra long Silk Plush Capes for $5.00.

Children's Union Suits at 25c; Ladies' Union Suits at 50c. Ladies' Non-shrinkable Vests and Pants at 50c each. Ladies' fine all wool Underwear, in red or white, at $1.00 each. Boys' Fleece lined Underwear, heavy weight, at 25c each. Men's heavy weight Shirts and Pants for 40c; regular 50c goods. Men's heavy Working Shirts, fleece-lined, at 50c each A special job in Boys' Reefer Jackets, nice enough for a king's son and low enough for anybody to buy, at $1.50 to $3.50 each. 50 Men's Mackintoshes with long Capes, waterproof, at $1.39 each. We have 20 dozen Ladies' very fine Embroidered Handkerchiefs, worth 25c, slightly damaged, we are selling for 10c. 50 dozen Ladies' All Linen Handkerchiefs for 5c each. We have all grades in Handkerchiefs from 5c to 50c. One lot of Silk Mufflers in assrted colors, worth 50c, now 20c. 25 dozen Silk Handkerchief—Ladies' Initial Handkerchiefs at 10c each, up to Men's Large Mufflers at $1 00 each. 100 pairs white Rose Wool Blankets. The Elkins Mill Blanket, weighing five pounds, at $3.40 a pair. 11-4 six pound blanket, at $4.90. A good part wool Blanket in gray at $1.35. A fine Southern Wool Blanket at 75c. A Heavy Camp Blanket at 85c.

We have 5,000 Christmas cards to sell from 1c to 5c each. 100 Dime Novels to sell at 5c each. A lot of Genuine Sterling Silver Ladies' Brooches to sell at 25c. Five dozen Sterling Silver Trimmed Ebony Handle Toilet Articles at 25c each. Large Comb and Brush Tray at 25c each A big line of Combs and Brushes, Hair Pins and Side Combs; all for Christmas Presents.

The Big Racket Store has laid in a big supply—have a large stock for you to select from, and we want your Christmas trade.

We will sell you goods cheap and punch your card free.

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GEO. O. GAYLORD, PROPRIETOR.

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Statement of Condition of

The Murchison National Bank,

Of Wilmington, North Carolina.

At the close of business December 13, 1900. (Began business March 1st, 1899.)

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Discounts	$365,750 56	Capital Stock	$200,000,00
Stocks and Bonds	1,045 00	Profits less expenses	34 921 46
U. S. Bonds	197,100 00	Circulation	146 050 00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	5,690 00	Deposits	433,130 21
Five per cent. redemption fund	7,150 00		
Revenue Stamps	453 03		
Office Furniture	750 00		
Cash on hand and in banks	234,758 11		
Total	$813,091 67	Total	$813,091 67

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We can Furnish you Every Accommodation Consistent with Safe Banking. dec 23 tf

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Buck Stoves and Ranges. If they do not please you better than any you have ever used, we will take same back without expense to you. We also have a full line of Buck Heating Stoves; and last but not least, the wonderful Comfort Heater. "Great Goods These."

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Pulverized. For Dancing Floors; will not ball on the feet; will not soil the clothing. All ready. Anybody can apply it.

The floor must be clean and free from oil. Sprinkle, and the dancers will do the rest. Put up in pound packages.

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DOUBLE DAILY SERVICE

Between New York, Tampa, Atlanta, New Orleans & Points South & West.

Schedule in Effect Nov. 25th, 1900.

TRAIN 41 Leaves Wilmington at 3:05 P. M., arrives Lumberton 5:14 P. M., Pembroke 5:38 P. M., Maxton 6:06 P. M., Hamlet 7:05 P. M., Wadesboro 8:15 P. M., Monroe 9:20 P. M., Charlotte 10:20 P. M., Athens, Ga., 3:43 A. M., Atlanta 6:05 A. M.

Close connection at Atlanta for Montgomery, Mobile, New Orleans and all points in Texas, Mexico and California; also for Chattanooga, Nashville, Louisville, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Chicago, and Western and Northwestern points. Connects at Hamlet with train No. 37 for Columbia, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa and other Florida points; also with train 44 for Raleigh, Petersburg, Richmond, Washington, Baltimore and New York. Other trains leave Hamlet as follows: Train No. 31 (Florida Limited) for Columbia and points South at 6:30 A. M. train No. 403 for Monroe, Charlotte, Lincolnton, Shelby and Rutherfordton, Athens, Atlanta and all points southwest at 6 30 A. M. Train No. 38 for Raleigh, Norfolk and points North at 8:05 A M. Train No. 66 for Raleigh, Richmond and points North at 9:20 A. M.

Through Pullman sleepers from Hamlet to all points North, South and Southwest.

TRAIN 38 Leaves Hamlet at 8:20 A. M., arrives Maxton 9:05 A. M., Pembroke 9:31 A. M., Lumberton 9:53 A. M., Wilmington 12.05 noon. This train takes passengers at Hamlet from train No. 31 (Florida Limited) leaving Richmond at 10:40 P. M. and arriving at Hamlet at 6:35 A. M.; from train No. 403 leaving Norfolk at 9:30 P. M., arriving at Hamlet at 7:10 A. M.; from train No. 38 leaving Atlanta at 9:00 P. M. and Charlotte at 5:45 A. M., arriving at Hamlet at 7:45 A M.

Other trains arrive at Hamlet as follows: Train 402 from Atlanta, Rutherfordton, Shelby, Lincolnton, Charlotte and Monroe at 9:37 P. M.; train No. 41 from Portsmouth at 7:10 P. M.; train No. 37 from Richmond and points North at 12:07 P. M. train No. 44 from Columbia and points South at 9.40 P. M., and train No. 66 from Columbia and points South at 9 00 A. M.

For tickets, sleepers, etc., apply to Thos. D. Meares, General Agent, Wilmington, N.C.

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Schedule In Effect Nov. 25, 1900.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND.

DAILY 9.35 A. M. No. 42—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.10 A. M., Warsaw 11.34 A. M., Goldsboro 12.21 P. M., Wilson 1.18 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.48 P. M., Tarboro 2.11 P. M., Weldon 4.22 P. M., Petersburg 6.21 P. M., Richmond 7.35 P. M., Norfolk 5.15 P. M., Washington 11.30 P. M., Baltimore 1.03 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.53 A. M., †Boston 5.0 P. M.

DAILY 7.00 P. M. No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.4 P. M., Warsaw 8.43 P. M., Goldsboro 9.37 P. M., Wilson 10.30 P. M., †Tarboro 6.46 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.23 P. M., Weldon 1.00 A. M., †Norfolk 10.25 A. M., Petersburg 2.37 A. M., Richmond 3.23 A. M., Washington 7.01 A. M., Baltimore 8.30 A. M., Philadelphia 10.35 A. M. New York 1.03 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.35 P. M No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 3.45 P. M. No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.58 P. M., Chadbourn 5.30 P. M., Marion 6.40 P. M., Florence 7.35 P. M., Sumter 9 13 P. M., Columbia 10.35 P. M., Denmark 3.55 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M., Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M., Charleston 10.35 P. M., Savannah 2 45 A. M., Jacksonville 8.30 A. M., St. Augustine 11.15 A. M., Tampa 6.45 P. M.

WEST BOUND.

DAILY 9.00 A. M. No. 53—Passenger—Due Fayetteville 12.05 P.M., leaves Fayetteville 12.25 P. M., arrives Sanford 1.43 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 6.00 P. M. No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston †1.03 P. M., New York †2.25 P. M., Philadelphia 12.20 A. M., Baltimore 2.55 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 9.48 A. M., Norfolk 9.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.21 P. M. Rocky Mount 12.52 P. M., Wilson 2.40 P. M., Goldsboro 3.30 P. M., Warsaw 4.22 P. M., Magnolia 4.35 P. M.

DAILY 9.20 A. M. No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 8 55 A. M., Philadelphia 11.33 A. M., Baltimore 1.46 P. M., Washington 3.12 P M., Richmond 6.50 P. M., Petersburg 7.25 P. M., †Norfolk 2.20 P. M., Weldon 9.05 P. M., †Tarboro 6.00 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.15 A. M. Leave Wilson 5 57 A. M., Goldsboro 6.45 A. M., Warsaw 7.38 A. M., Magnolia 7.51 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 9.00 A. M. No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10 25 A. M.

SUNDAY 12.15 P. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.25 P. M. No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 9.50 A. M., Sanford 2.20 P. M., Jacksonville 8.00 P. M., Savannah 1.30 A. M., Charleston 6.48 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M. Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.29 P. M. Columbia 6.40 A. M., Sumter 8.05 P. M., Florence 9.55 A. M., Marion 10.55 A. M., Chadbourn 11.41 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.12 P. M.

EAST BOUND.

DAILY 7.25 P. M. No. 52—Passenger—Leave Sanford 3.55 P. M. P. M., arrive Fayetteville 4.20 P. M., leave Fayetteville 4.30 P. M.

Daily except Sunday.

Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 6.05 A. M. Maxton 9.15 A. M., Red Springs 9.51 A. M., Hope Mills 10.25 A. M., arrive Fayetteville 11.10 A. M. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4.45

The Morning Star.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 27.

FRIGHTFUL BUTCHERY OF CHINESE REFORMERS.

Twenty-seven of the Leaders Beheaded and Twelve Hundred of Their Followers Killed by Regulars.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Dec. 25.—A special to the *Times* from Vancouver, B. C., says:

"News of a terrible massacre of the reform forces in China and the beheading of twenty seven of its leaders was received here to day in a cable gram by W. A. Cumrow, secretary of the Chinese Reform Association in America. The engagement took place in the province of Cichili, a populous section of the Yang Tse valley in Central China. It resulted in the killing of fifteen hundred men and the complete demoralization of the reform forces. The battle into which the reformers were brought by treachery occurred on December 18th, and the work of the movement has as a consequence been dropped in all that part of the country. The Chinese here are loud in their expressions of disapproval of the conduct of the campaign by their leaders. It appears from the few details given in the cablegram received to day that Long Tom, the reform leader, at the head of a badly armed force of 12,000 paid a visit to Chung Hi Tung, Governor of the district, who, though an imperial officer, was believed to be in sympathy with the reform movement. Long Tom was invited to the Governor' palace and with his twelve thousand men was marched into the city. They left all their arms outside the gates, taking the precaution only to carry their loaded revolvers. There were 5,000 imperial troops in the town, but nothing was feared from them. A delay of a day took place in order that other reform leaders might be sent for, and when the audience with the Governor was finally arranged, there were twenty seven of the leading followers of Kang Yu Wei admitted. Then a disagreement arose. The Governor had the leaders seized and taken into the court yard, where they were beheaded. In the meantime a secret order had been sent to the imperial troops to descend upon the poorly armed rabble of the reformers. The fine, well drilled soldiers took the country people completely by surprise, but nevertheless the latter pluckily fought their way through and escaped. They carried away their own wounded, but left 1,500 dead on the field and scattered in the streets of the city. The cable says that the scene of the butchery was frightful."

BLACKS INTIMIDATE WHITES.

A Race War at Cementville, a Small Town in Indiana—Commenced by Some Drunken Negroes.

JACKSONVILLE, IND., Dec. 25.—A race war is in progress at Cementville, a small station on the Pan-Handle road, five miles north of this city, and serious trouble is expected. The negroes are armed and the whites are keeping within doors to avoid them. The outbreak began yesterday afternoon, when Lee Ranger and John Redmond, negroes, became intoxicated and set out to intimidate whites. When their insults were resented other negroes joined Ranger and Redmond, and captured Samuel Kendall's saloon. Nearly twenty shots were fired, but no one was hurt. An appeal by telephone was made to Sheriff Rave for help and he drove to Cementville and to some extent quieted the negroes while he was present. After his departure another outbreak took place and message after message came to the local police to send men to the town. Ranger was shot by Kendall, but how badly is not known, as he was carried away and secreted by his companions. Kendall's life was threatened, and about midnight he managed to escape from his store and came direct to this city, awakening Prosecutor Montgomery, and begged him to issue warrants and have deputy sheriffs sworn in to serve them. It was almost daylight when the community became quiet, the negroes having everything their own way. So far to day no outbreak has taken place. The whites are intimidated to such an extent that they are using every possible precaution to prevent a collision.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S PROGRESS.

Thirty-one New Cotton Mills Chartered in 1900, With Large Capital.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 26.—The *State* will print to-morrow statistics from the office of the Secretary of State showing that in 1900 thirty-one new cotton mills were chartered in South Carolina and fourteen old ones increased their capital stock by reason of enlargements, the aggregate capital employed being $7,800,000; while during 1899 1900 the new mills numbered 42 and the enlargements 30, with an aggregate capital of $13,500,000. This does not include 12 mills commissioned in 1900 but not yet organized, whose proposed capital aggregates $1,500,000. This is a record unapproached in the South or in the country.

For Croup use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT. †

Judge McPherson, in the United States district court, Philadelphia, has appointed two receivers in bankruptcy of C. R. Baird & Company, operating a number of iron furnaces. The security required was $200,000. Counsel for creditors representing about $160,000 of claims, stated that the business would probably be re-organized.

Bismarck's Iron Nerve.

Was the result of his splendid health. Indomitable will and tremendous energy are not found where Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels are out of order. If you want these qualities and the success they bring, use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They develop every power of brain and body. Only 25c at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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The Kind You Have Always Bought
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BRYAN'S SPEECH AT LINCOLN, NEB.

Many Democratic Leaders Present at the Jeffersonian Club Banquet.

GROVER CLEVELAND SCORED.

Speech of John W. Kern, the Defeated Candidate for Governor of Indiana, Aroused Enthusiasm—His Reference to the Ex-President.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LINCOLN, NEB, December 26.—The annual banquet of the Jeffersonian Club of Lincoln, to-night at the Lincoln Hotel, brought together nearly three hundred representative men of the Democratic and Populist parties of Nebraska, together with a number of leaders from other States.

William J. Bryan made his first appearance at a public gathering since the election and the greeting accorded him was never more hearty and spontaneous in his home city. The speech of John W. Kern, defeated Democratic candidate for Governor of Indiana, aroused the banqueters to a high pitch of enthusiasm by laudation of Mr. Bryan and out spoken criticism of those Democrats whom he accused of contributing to his (Mr. Bryan's) defeat. His denunciation of Democrats who offered "gratuitous counsel to Democracy," though he mentioned no names, was accepted by the crowd as a reference to former President Cleveland.

Mr. Bryan, whose subject was "Principles Live," said in part.

"At this banquet, surrounded by neighbors, who have have been my friends for ten years, I may be pardoned for saying a word of a personal nature.

"Five times you have voted for me for public office—twice for Congress, once for United States Senator and twice for the Presidency—and no candidate ever received more loyal support than you have given.

"Whether I shall ever be a candidate again is a question which must be determined by events. No one can speak with certainty of the future, for one's destiny is not known until his life's work is complete. I shall be content, if it is my lot to aid in the triumph of the principles while others enjoy the honors and bear the responsibility of office.

"The holding of public office should be an incident and not the extreme aim of the citizen. It should not be an end, but the means for the accomplishment of a purpose.

"The Presidency seemed desirable because it would have enabled me to give effective aid to certain reforms, which I believe to be necessary to the public welfare, but defeat—even a second defeat—does not lessen my interest in this reform and time may prove that my work is to advocate rather than to execute.

"The *Commoner* will give me an opportunity to participate in public discussions, and I am sure that an editorial pursuit will furnish as much intellectual enjoyment as I could have found in the White House, and in addition thereto will give me more time for home pleasures.

"The principles for which we contended in the last campaign still live and we who believe in them must continue to fight for them. An action does not change principles; it only determine what principles shall be, for the time being applied.

"The believers in tariff reform did not abandon their faith when the high tariff doctine was endorsed at the polls, neither did protectionists when their cause suffered loss. The advocates of the gold standard continued the fight for monometallism for twenty five years in spite of the platform declarations of all parties in favor of a double standard.

"Shall we, who believe in bimetallism' lose courage because our opponents have profited by an increased volume of money, thus admitting the economic principle for which we have been contending?

"Defenders of trusts did not lose heart when all parties denounced combinations in restraint of trade. Shall we give up the fight because monopoly has triumphed by stealth? Must we now advocate an imperial policy because our opponents have won a victory by denying that they are imperialists? A colonial system involves a surrender of our theory of government, and the people will understand this as soon as the system is put into operation. If we were to consult our immediate convenience and comfort, we would never oppose wrong of any kind, for all warfare involves a temporary sacrifice, but this is our government, and must be transmitted unimpaired to posterity. We have no choice, therefore, but to stand steadfast, come what may.

"If we are successful in diverting present tendencies and in carrying the government to its old foundations we shall rejoice in the victory and profit by the reforms secured. I am confident that we shall ultimately win, but if the trend toward plutocracy cannot be checked it is still better that we should be defeated in a righteous undertaking than that we should join hands with those who are ignoring the inalienable rights of man."

John W. Kern, of Indiana, spoke to the toast, "The Rank and File." He said, in part:

"While the Democratic party is still the conservative party as it was in the days of Hendricks, it is ready now as then to strive to find common ground upon which all Democrats who believe in constitutional government may stand in coming conflicts. It is to-day holding no party with deserters. Its ears are closed against words of advice gratuitously offered by alleged Democrats who vote the Republican ticket, or by those in the great struggle of 1900, who withhold both vote and voice from the cause of the people and could see in that mighty contest only a painful and distressing situation.

"There is no question for crimination and recrimination between Democrats, but there should always be generous and patriotic rivalry as to who will render the most effective service in the work of building up the party organization and strengthen the party lines for the coming conflict."

Mr. Kern spoke in favor of Richard Olney, David B. Hill, Bourke Cockran, John DeWitt Warner, Robert E. Pattison, Alex. H. McClure, Arthur P. Gorman, Henry Watterson and other gold Democrats, for their course in the late campaign, and "their patriotic protests against the advice of the hosts of imperialism."

The speaker asserted that the rank and file of the party in 1900 was the same rank and file voting for bimetallism and tariff reform in 1884, 1888 and 1892. "It is the rank and file," he continued, "which, tired of the domination of a few men, in 1896, literally took possession of the Democratic party and made it in every sense a party of the people."

Mr. Bryan leaves to-morrow for a trip in Kansas and Texas.

The Independent Glass Combine, recently organized, will, on January 1st advance the price on all window glass 15 per cent.

A RECEIVER APPOINTED

For the Old Town Bank of Baltimore. It Has Recently Incurred Very Heavy Losses.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 26.—Roger T. Gill, of the law firm of N. Rufus Gill & Sons, was, late this afternoon, appointed receiver for the Old Town Bank by Judge Stockbridge. The appointment was made with the consent of the president and officers of the bank.

Mr. Gill was bonded in the sum of $1,500,000, the assets of the institution being valued at ha f that amount.

George Schilling, a stockholder and depositor, and Robert L Gill, a depositor, were the complainants. In their statement to the court they state:

"While the bank, until a recent period, has done a successful and profitable business, it has recently incurred heavy losses by the bad faith of its cashier, Theodore F. Wilcox, in that, without authority, he wrongfully, without the knowledge of its president or board of directors, permitted Isaac Robinson and the United Milk Producers' Association to draw from the bank large sums of money, and incurred losses thereby which the bank is unable to bear."

FIGHT DECLARED OFF.

Cincinnati Will Not Permit the Jeffries and Ruhlin Bout in That City.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—William A. Brady announced that the fight between Jas. J. Jeffries and Gus Ruhlin, scheduled to take place in Cincinnati on February 15th, will not be permitted by the authorities of that city.

This being the case, the bouts arranged for Kid McCoy and Tommy Ryan and Terry McGovern and Kid Lavigne are declared off for the present. It is said that Terry McGovern will now make arrangements to go to England to fight Ben Jordan.

The Report Denied.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26.—The city officials as well as the officers and members of the Zangerfest Athletic Club, say there is no truth in the reports about the fight between J. J. Jeffries and Gus Rulin, scheduled for February 15th, in Cincinnati, being declared off. Those in charge of arrangements are proceeding with the work, and Mayor Julius Flischman stated for publication to-night that he had given his word that he would issue the permit for the fight taking place in February. There is bitter opposition to the fight here on the part of certain people and it is alleged that false information may have been sent to Brady in the name of the club by some unauthorized person.

A SENSATIONAL ARREST.

Young Society Woman Charged With Conspiracy to Kill Her Divorced Husband.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CONCORD, N. H., December 26.—A sensational episode came to a climax to-night in the arrest of Mrs. Carrie Sinclair Huntoon, 26 years of age, well known in society, on the charge of conspiracy with intent to kill her husband, Walter C. Huntoon, of whom it is asserted she has been extremely jealous. Mrs. Huntoon had been granted by the court a divorce from her husband on statutory grounds. On Monday Mrs. Huntoon, it is alleged, went to Boston and, in the Union station there, accosted a young man, William H. Dutton, of Dorchester, a total stranger, asking him if he was looking for work and would like to earn a dollar. He said he did not, but she outlined to him to kill her husband, promising a reward. The police were notified and the arrest followed.

WARM WIRELETS.

Three hundred students have been arrested in St. Petersburg, according to a Berlin dispatch, for propagating Socialist doctrines.

The tenth annual convention of the Southern Educational Association begins at Richmond, Va., to day. A large attendance is expected.

The tug Ocean King and barges Roundout and Astoria, which stranded nine miles north of Cape Charles last Monday, were still ashore yesterday.

An unknown American steamer went ashore on the reef a few miles south of Miami, Fla., Tuesday. The sea has been running so high since that wreckers have been unable to reach her.

J. F. Barrett, general superintendent of the Southern Railway, who tendered his resignation several weeks ago, will after January 1st be connected with the Chicago and Alton railroad.

The strike at Enterprise colliery, Shamokin, Pa., was ended yesterday by all the miners agreeing to pay their laborers the ten per cent. increase, and miners refusing to pay helpers will be discharged.

Ernest Roeber, champion wrestler of America, and Paul Pons, the French champion, will wrestle for the championship of the world, on the night of Wednesday, February 2, at the Madison Square Garden.

The President of Liberia, W. D. Coleman, resigned December 11th, owing to the disapproval of the Legislature of his interior policy. G. W. Gibson, Secretary of State, was elected President by the Legislature.

Thomas Webb Jay, of Indianapolis, broke the world's bowling record in that city by bowling 299 out of the possible 300 perfect score. Strike after strike was made in his game until the last ball, which missed the eighth pin.

Evelyn B. Baldwin, the Arctic explorer, who is arranging for the Baldwin Ziegler expedition, has purchased the Esquimaux, the largest and staunchest of the whaling fleet, fitted her with modern appliances and named her the America.

Mexican troops in Sonora, Mexico, were recently attacked by a band of Yaqui Indians, and four officers and about thirty men were killed outright. The soldiers were crossing the country and were fired on from ambush near Lamisa.

The Secretary of the Treasury has received from a town in the South a conscience contribution of two hundred dollars. In the course of his letter the sender says that he defrauded the government out of revenue taxes on tobacco to this amount in 1871, '72 and 73.

Governor Sayers, of Texas, made application to Governor Roosevelt, of New York, a few days ago, for the extradition of John D. Rockefeller and other members of the Standard Oil Company on the charge of violation of the anti-trust law. Governor Roosevelt has declined to grant the application.

Do you want 2,000 or 3,000 old newspapers at your own price? If so, call at the STAR office. They make a cheap wrapping paper. †

CHINESE KILLED, VILLAGES BURNED

A Lively Combat Between the French Troops and Chinese Regulars and Boxers.

MEETING OF PEACE ENVOYS.

International Note Presented to Prince Ching—No Answer Yet Received. Thousands of Armed Chinese Near Pekin.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PARIS, December 26.—A dispatch to the Havas Agency from Pekin, dated December 25th, says a detachment of French troops commanded by Gen. Bailloud were recently attacked by Chinese regulars and Boxers at Thi-Tcheou, south of Pao Ting Fu. The punitive expedition took the village after a lively combat, and many cannon and a quantity of provisions and ammunition were secured. On account of the hostile attitude of the population Gen. Bailloud burned the village, and also those villages in the neighborhood. The Chinese loss was 1,000 (!) men. Gen. Bailloud's force sustained no loss. Christian Chinese families have been maltreated by the Chinese regulars.

PEKIN, Dec. 25.—The French report encountering 25,000 Chinese and capturing five flags and a number of guns and inflicting a great loss upon the Chinese, thirty-five miles south of here. The report is generally discredited.

The Powers' Note Presented.

WASHINGTON, December 26.—A cablegram received at the State Department from United States Minister Conger, dated at Pekin on the 24th instant, states that the first formal meeting between the diplomatic representatives and Prince Ching took place on the 24th. Ching presented the credentials of himself and Li Hung Chang who was unable to attend, owing to illness, to the diplomatic representatives who handed to him the international note. The officials of the State Department are unwilling to venture a guess as to the length of time that will be consumed by the Chinese government in consideration of the note.

The last article of the note notified the Chinese government that the occupation of China and Pekin may continue until the Chinese government has complied with the terms of the note. It may be stated, however, that the United States is not bound or affected by this condition. Our occupancy from a military point of view has terminated, and there is no disposition to renew it. As for the other Powers, it is expected that the main obstacle they will encounter in withdrawing under this condition will be found in the difficulty in obtaining satisfactory guarantees upon the Chinese promise to pay indemnities.

Native Christians Murdered.

PEKIN, December 26.—The Rev. Mr. Kelley, the Presbyterian missionary, has reported the burning by Boxers of nineteen Catholic Christians, and now says he has received further confirmation of the burning of native Christians. He says the number burned is twenty-one, and thousands of armed Chinese have been seen in the San Ho country. Mr. Conger sent a copy of the communication to Field Count Von Waldersee, and Japanese and German troops have been sent to investigate the reports. Mr. Kelley, in first reporting the occurrence, admitted his information was from Chinese sources and said that the Japanese, who have jurisdiction over the territory thirty miles north, in which it is alleged the outrage occurred, would investigate the report.

The troops of the various nations celebrated Christmas in their own way, each force being interested in the doings of the others.

The Germans to-day were reviewed on the occasion of the services incident to the presentation of flags to two regiments. The event was practically international. All the generals and their staffs and detachments of their troops were present, with the result that a great military spectacle was witnessed.

No answer has yet been received to the joint note of the Powers.

LONDON, December 26. A dispatch to the *Pall Mall Gazette*, from Pekin, dated Monday, December 24th, says that much irritation has been caused by the activity of the German troops in the districts under British protection.

A BAD INDIAN.

In a Drunken Frenzy Shot Four Men, Killing Three and Wounding One Man Fatally.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MUSCOGEE, I. T., Dec. 25.—John Tiger, a full-blood Indian, a ferryman on the Arkansas river, two miles south of Eufaula, went to Eufaula with his wife this afternoon and, while intoxicated, met L. B. Roper and threatened to kill him. Roper immediately struck Tiger with a board, no words passing between them. Tiger went to his buggy, got a Winchester and came back to kill Roper, but failed to find him. Enraged, he proceeded to shoot every one he saw, shooting Jesse Beck through the hips and killing him; shooting and killing David Porter, a nephew of Chief Porter, and a mover, named Johnson, on his way to Missouri in a covered wagon with his family. Bud Taylor, aged 18, was shot through the shoulder and is not expected to live. Tiger immediately jumped on a horse and tried to escape, but was chased three miles, when he jumped off his horse, went behind a tree and began shooting. Deputy Marshal Johnson, who returned the fire, struck Tiger in the arm. The murderer surrendered and was brought to Eufaula

NEGRO SUSPECTED.

Wife of a Well Known Farmer Found Murdered in Her Home.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MACON, GA., December 28.—Mrs. Dave Birdsong, wife of a well known farmer living about six miles from this city, was murdered at her home this morning. John Battle, a negro laborer, is suspected of the murder and posses are now searching for him.

Mr. Birdsong and a friend went hunting this morning, and on their return home the body of the woman was found, lying partly on her bed, with her skull fractured and stone dead.

It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth, of LaGrange, Ga., suffered intensely for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg, but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in ten days. For Ulcers, Wounds, Burns, Boils, Pain or Piles it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

TEXTILE MILL CONSTRUCTION

Statistics for 1900—Georgia Leads With Forty-three—North Carolina Second With Forty-one Mills

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

BOSTON, MASS., December 26.—The *American Wool and Cotton Reporter* in its issue to morrow will review the textile mill construction in the present year, saying that returns for the last six months do not show up as large as in the first six months of the year. The depression that was felt in the manufacturing business during the Summer and Fall months acted as a damper to the rush to build mills, particularly cotton mills. During the first half of the year the number of new mills entered upon was 307 and during the last six months the number was 224, a loss of over 25 per cent. over the first half.

Completion of returns on new enterprises show that Georgia leads with forty-three mills, North Carolina comes second with forty one, although the latter has always been in the lead in the construction of new mills, it being the largest cotton manufacturing State in the South. South Carolina reports thirty-three; Alabama sixteen; Virginia, twelve; Pennsylvania, eleven; Tennessee, ten; Mississippi and Texas, nine each; Massachusetts, seven; New York, six; New Jersey, four; Louisiana, three; California, Maine, New Hampshire, two each, and Arkansas, Florida, Maryland, Ohio and Oregon, one each.

SERIOUS RACE RIOT.

Negro Mob Armed With Pistols and Rifles Make an Attack Upon the Whites. One of the Negroes Killed.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MACCLENNY, FLA., Dec. 26—There was a serious race riot in this place yesterday afternoon. At 6 o'clock a number of young ladies visited a photograph gallery and a negro woman also in the gallery is alleged to have used obscene language. She was commanded to keep quiet by a white man present. A negro man, who accompanied the negro woman, took the matter up and it is alleged used insulting language to the young ladies. The negroes retired and in a few minutes a mob of negroes, armed with pistols and rifles, assembled. One of them, named Washington, opened fire on T. M. H. Herndon with a Winchester. By this time a crowd of whites had assembled and opened fire on Washington, who ran, firing back at the crowd. He was pursued to a swamp nearby and disappeared. The excitement increased but there was no further firing until 9 o'clock last night when several shots in quick succession were fired in the business section of the town. When the smoke cleared John Hunter, a negro, was found dead in the street. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of killing by a gunshot wound inflicted by a party or parties unknown. The town is well guarded by officers to prevent any recurrence of the trouble.

ORDER OF CHOSEN FRIENDS.

Nothing for the Policy-holders—A Mistaken Impression.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Dec. 25.—Receiver Clark, of the Order of Chosen Friends, has returned from New York, where he secured the bond of the defaulting Treasurer Wilson, of Newark, and the certificates of stock in the Chosen Friends Building and Loan Association, but no cash. He says there is a mistaken impression that there will be something to pay from the receivership. He says it will not pay a cent, and the receivership was created to prevent the payment of more money by policy-holders.

Lieut. Richmond P. Hobson, in hospital at New York, is reported steadily improving, though he is not yet able to see any of the many people who call daily to inquire after him.

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Wishing you all a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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dec 25 tf 115 and 117 Princess street.

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Lost—Between Fentress' drug store and 310 Red Cross street, a double case ladies' gold watch. Marked "Bessie" in back. Reward for return to 310 Red Cross. dec 27 2t

To be sold at auction by Cyrus S Van Amringe, auctioneer, the entire stock of Christmas Novelties of Mr. Geo. Haar, at No. 132 Market street, commencing Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. Sales twice a day until the stock is sold. dec 27 1t

For Rent—Second Floor in building No. 401, northwest corner Front and Walnut streets. Also, Second Floor in building No. 403, next to the northwest corner of Front and Walnut streets. Each floor contains five rooms, kitchen and bath. For terms apply to B. H. J. Ahrens. nov 25 tf

5,000,000 choice cabbage plants and 1,000 barrels smooth Irish Potatoes for sale cheap by W. P. Bangham, Proprietor Cottage Grove and Honey Pod Truck Farm, Washington, N. C. Rush orders along. nov 18 2m

Piano and Organ Tuning and Repairing by people who know their business. The price may be a trifle more, but we guarantee satisfaction. Thirty-five years' experience in the business. Ludden & Bates', S. M. H., 109 Market street; Bell 'Phone 599. oct 27 tf

Land for sale—We have desirable tracts of land for sale in counties of Robeson, Bladen, Pender, Columbus, N. C., and Horry and Marion, S. C. The Worth Co. oct 25 tf

For Sale—uggies and Harness. Repairing of all kinds done. Call and examine goods. P. H. Hayden. au 21 tf

Choice Timothy Hay, Clover Hay, Straw, fresh ground Meal, Pearl Hominy Flour, Grain and everything in the Feed line for horses, cows and chickens. John S. McEachern, 211 Market street. Telephones No. 92. jy 8 tf

Apples, Peaches and Honey—I am receiving daily Apples, Peaches, Sumter Chickens, Eggs, Bananas, Lemons, Oranges, etc. Also, a nice lot of Block Honey now on hand. Persons wishing to buy or ship anything of the kind will do well to see or write me. A. S. Winstead, Commission Merchant, 113 and 115 North Second street, Wilmington, N. C. jy 1 tf

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YOU WILL FIND EVERYTHING GOOD FOR Christmas. Have received this week fresh consignments of Nuts shelled and unshelled, all kinds of Raisins, Figs and Dates. The stock of these goods is just in and therefore fresh.

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dec 16 tf No. 5 North Front street.

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110 Bags 100 lb Table Salt.
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M. H. CURRAN,
107 Princess Street.
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C. E. TAYLOR, Jr., Cashier. dec 18 tf

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" 1.50 "	" 1.10		

Men's Suits and Overcoats at cost.
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